

8th Grade Inference  
Prentice Hall



"Zoo" by Edward Hoch

Possible Inference Questions

1. What does the author mean when he says "The children were always good during the month of August, especially when it began to get near the twenty-third. It was on this day that the great silver spaceship carrying Professor Hugo's Interplanetary Zoo settled down for its annual six-hour visit to the Chicago area." In paragraph one of the story?
2. Based on the information in the story, what inference can the reader make about Professor Hugo?
3. What inference did you make when you read that the Professor charges one dollar to view the creatures?
4. Explain how experiencing this interplanetary trip was important to the little offspring. Support your answer with two details from the story.
5. What is the most likely reason that Professor Hugo sponsors the Interplanetary Zoo? Provide two details from the story in your answer.