

## Activity R7B: Making Inferences from a Passage

### FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY

Materials

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Activity Sheet R7B on page A 174

The purpose of this activity is to reinforce the information in **Reading Skill 7: MAKE INFERENCES FROM STATED FACTS.**

#### Before class:

Prepare handouts of **Activity Sheet R7B** on page A174. You will need one handout for each student.

#### In class:

1. Put students in groups of 3–4 and give each student a handout.
2. Have each group select one member to record its inferences.
3. Have the groups draw possible inferences from the passage.
4. Review the answers as a class.

#### Possible answers

##### Paragraph A

The Latin word meaning “and” is “*et*.”

The ampersand does not look exactly like an “e” and a “t.”

##### Paragraph B

The ampersand was the last letter in the alphabet in the early nineteenth century.

The alphabet in the early nineteenth century had twenty-seven letters.

##### Paragraph C

The name for the symbol developed by chance/informally.

The word “ampersand” came from the expression *and per se* “*and.*”

##### Paragraph D

The ampersand used to be used as a general replacement for *and*.

The ampersand is used in specific rather than general situations today.