

Information	Inference	Assumption leading to Inference	Implications of Inference
You see a woman in a wheelchair.	She must have a sad life.	All people in wheelchairs have a sad life.	I will go out of my way to do something nice for her.
A police officer trails your car closely for several blocks.	She is going to pull me over.	Policeman only follow people they intend to pull over.	I begin thinking of excuses for my driving.
You see a child crying next to her mother in the grocery store.	The child isn't getting what they want.	Children cry when they don't get what they want.	I wonder if the crying will convince the mother to give the child what s/he wants.
Your spouse forgets your anniversary.	He didn't care about me.	If my spouse cared about me, he wouldn't have forgotten our anniversary.	I'm going to be mad at him.
Your spouse runs up a huge debt on credit cards.	He has a problem and needs help.	People who run up huge debts generally have problems in their lives.	I'm going to talk with him to find out what is going on.
Your child's grades drop from As and Bs to Ds and Fs	The child is being neglected.	Significant grade dropping is a sign that the child isn't getting support.	I'll talk with the child's parents to find out what is going on.
Your boss calls and says she needs to see you immediately.	My boss needs my help with an urgent situation.	My boss generally comes to me to have me help with problems.	I'll call my boss and find out what is going on.
You got turned down for a job you really wanted.	I'm not a worthy person.	A worthy person would have gotten the job.	I'm going to wallow in misery for a couple of days.
Your best friend doesn't return you phone call for several days.	Something bad happened to him.	My best friend normally returns my calls in a short time, unless something bad has happened.	I'm going to either visit him or call one of our mutual friends to find out what is going on.

