

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 wanted something that the mother refused to buy.	All children cry when they are not given what they want.	I will teach my children/grandchildren deferred gratification.
Your spouse forgets your anniversary.	My spouse must not think that our anniversary is very important	People remember dates, e.g. anniversaries, birthdays, etc., that are important to them.	My spouse doesn't have a very high regard for our relationship, at least not as high as I would hope.
Your spouse runs up a huge debt on credit cards.	My spouse is very self-indulgent.	People who run up a huge debt on credit cards are self-indulgent and lack self-control.	I will cancel the credit card, and set up a debit card for her on a bank account with a controlled balance,
Your child's grades drop from As and Bs to Ds and Fs	Something is going on with him/her that is demotivating his/her academic performance.	Children are normally eager to learn, unless something is blocking or hindering their motivation.	I need to pursue my child toward having a heart-to-heart talk about what's going on at school or in life
Your boss calls and says she needs to see you immediately.	Something urgent has come up that involves me and my work.	The boss never needs to see me immediately unless there is an urgent/important issue that has	My other work tasks are going to be delayed, as this new issue is clearly a higher priority in my
You got turned down for a job you really wanted.	Someone else must have been more qualified for the position.	The most qualified person is generally hired from among the applicant pool.	I must work to improve my own qualifications in order to improve my chances of landing jobs that I
Your best friend doesn't return you phone call for several days.	Something is happening in my friend's life that is totally pre-occupying him.	My best friend values our friendship enough to be responsive when I call and leave a message, unless	I will not just call again, but either go see my friend, or (if too far away) reach out to other mutual