**PiXL Unlock**

**Read It**
- deduce

**Define It**
- To deduce is to arrive at a reasonable conclusion, based on evidence.

**Digging Deeper:**
By using common tropes or conventions associated with certain genres, writers are able to give readers the opportunity to deduce certain answers about the text for themselves, rather than explicitly mentioning them. For example, by comparing a police detective to Sherlock Holmes, the writer is expecting the reader to deduce that the detective is intelligent but a little unorthodox in their methods.

**Deconstruct It**
- From the Latin *deducere*, meaning to derive or infer logically. From *de-* meaning down and *ducere*, meaning to lead.

**Link It**
- Inference, motifs, stock characters, predictions, foreshadowing, context, tropes, conventions, symbolism.

**Use It**
- One can deduce that he is motivated by love, rather than hate.