

**Year 4: Guided Reading**  
**My Side of the Mountain Lesson 1**  
**The skill I am learning: Infer**

1. Look at paragraph 1. Was Sam feeling **determined or scared**?  
How do you know?
2. Look at paragraph 2. Was Sam feeling **nervous or heartbroken**?  
How do you know?
3. Look at paragraph 3. Was Sam feeling **happy or frustrated**?  
How do you know?
4. Look at paragraph 4. Was Sam feeling **strong-minded or angry**?  
How do you know?
5. **Describe a time when you have felt one of these feelings. What were you doing?**

Extract from My Side of the Mountain

I squatted on this bank and dropped in my line. I did so want to catch a fish. One fish would set me upon my way because I had read how much you can learn from one fish. By examining the contents of its stomach, you can find what the other fish are eating or you can use the internal organs as bait.

The grub went down to the bottom of the stream. It swirled around and hung still. Suddenly, the string came to life and rode back and forth and around in a circle. I pulled with a powerful jerk. The hook came apart and whatever I had went circling back to its bed.

Well, that almost made me cry. My bait was gone, my hook was broken and I was getting cold, frightened and mad. I whittled another hook but this time I cheated and used string to wind together instead of bark.

I walked back to the log and luckily found another grub. I hurried to the pool and I flipped a trout out of the water before I knew I had a bite. The fish flopped and I threw my whole body over it. I could not bear to think of it flopping itself back into the stream.