

***Implicit***

**VS**

***Explicit***

***Read  
between  
the lines***

***Obvious,  
factual  
information***

"Outside, small patches of mist bearded the lampposts and a gang of pigeons turned weary circles on the grass like prisoners in an exercise yard. A woman hurried past with a small child in her arms. The child screamed and kicked its legs against the kidnapper. The woman produced a plastic rattle with which to gag her victim. Nazneen pulled the end of her sari over her hair. At the main road she looked both ways, and then went left. Two men were dragging furniture out of a junk shop to display it on the pavement. One of them went inside and came out again with a wheelchair. He tied a chain around it and padlocked it to an armchair as if arranging a three-legged furniture race."  
Taken from Brick Lane by Monica Ali

## ***What it looks like:***

***The street feels like a prison as even the birds can't leave.***

***The child's mother seems to dislike the child***

***The area seems dangerous.***

***Nazneen feels frightened and wants to hide away.***

***suggests, implies, infers, connotes***

***It is misty.***

***There are pigeons on the grass.***

***A woman is carrying a small child.***

***The child is unhappy.***

***There are two men arranging furniture outside a junk shop.***

***is, was, were, are***

### Implicit or Explicit?

Statement	Implicit or explicit?
1. Nazneen saw two men outside the junk shop.	
2. The woman gave the child a plastic rattle.	
3. The woman seemed to be behaving cruelly towards the child.	
4. There are a lot of thieves living in the area.	
5. Nazneen feels the building is almost unreal and magical.	
6. Nazneen feels threatened by her surroundings and tries to hide herself.	
7. The woman in the office chewed her fingernail.	
8. The pigeons seemed to be restricted and lacking in freedom.	