



Assignment

Making an Inference from Informational Text

Topic: Drones

Your Assignment:

*Read the article from the local newspaper below. What **inference** can be drawn about how drones affect people's safety? (**What good guess can be made about how drones affect people's safety based on what you read below?**) Use key evidence from the text to support and explain your answer.*

The Future of Drones

By Celeste Roberts

Drones are small flying objects that people use for entertainment and for business. They are like small helicopters. Some people use them for fun, but it is becoming a problem for airplane pilots and helicopter pilots because there are not many rules and regulations for personal drones. Many commercial pilots, people who are pilots for airlines such as United Airlines and American Airlines, report seeing drones flying within their airspace. There are sometimes more than 100 reports per month made to the FAA, the Federal Aviation Administration.

Drone operators do not have to have a license to fly the drones even though they can fly high in the sky. They are supposed to stay 5 miles away from airports and fly no higher than 400 feet. Some people do not follow the basic rules, and so there are sometimes close calls between planes and helicopters and the drones.

Some people think that there should be more regulations for personal drones such as becoming a registered user and taking a course to learn how to operate them safely. There will be approximately one million drones sold during the holiday season this year. Many people who receive a drone as a gift will not know how to safely use it. The smaller drones are not a safety hazard, but larger drones that are heavy and can fly high are more of a problem.

While there are some safety concerns with drones, they are perhaps the future of delivery systems. Some people report that drones may deliver pizza to people's homes someday. They may even become a part of Amazon and deliver boxes and packages to residences and businesses. Instead of a mail carrier coming to the door or a FedEx person dropping off a box, it may be a drone doing the deliveries. There are likely to be some additional regulations for drones before this can occur.

Stem Starters:

You may want to consider starting your response using one of these stems. You do not have to do so, but they are here to help you if you need them.

I infer that the author thinks...

The author thinks that...

I can tell that the author thinks...

Your Response:
