

Inferring the **Theme** and **Main Idea** from Picture Story Books

Picture Story Book:		Possum Magic
My Inference on the THEME/s	<u>Text Evidence</u> to support my Inference	How does the THEME <u>'relate'</u> to <i>people's lives today?</i>
Growing Up	Grandma Poss made Hush invisible to keep her safe, and it did. But eventually Hush grew up and wanted to not only find out what she looked like (she had been invisible her whole life), but wanted to learn how to stay safe without magic.	Parents and Guardians are always protecting the younger members of their family, and will do anything to reduce risks and increase safety. But eventually children grow up and need to be able to look after themselves and make their own decisions – otherwise known as maturity.
Perseverance	Grandma Poss couldn't remember exactly how to make Hush visible again, but knew it had something to do with 'people food'. She didn't give up. Eventually discovering that well-known Australian foods were the key to making Hush visible again. Hush and Grandma Poss travelled and visited most capital cities around Australia, which is a massive trip, in order to achieve this.	Sometimes challenges are hard, or seem impossible, but instead of just stopping/quitting it's important to put in some effort to achieve your goal (or find the solution to a problem). The younger generations have been accused of lacking this quality, due to their heavy reliance on 'screens', the quick conveniences of modern technology and the immediate access to information on the internet.
My Inference on the MAIN IDEA	<u>Text Evidence</u> to support my Inference	How does the MAIN IDEA <u>'relate'</u> to <i>people's lives today?</i>
Hush was invisible	Grandma Poss could do a lot of Bush Magic. She made wombats blue and kookaburras pink, dingoes smile and emus shrink, and turn Hush the possum invisible. This was done to keep her out of danger.	I think a lot of people sometimes think the ability to become invisible would solve their problems, but when you find a shortcut to a problem instead of dealing with it, additional and unforeseen problems can emerge that are harder to deal with than the original problem.