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Directions: : After reading the background information and examining the source, answer the questions below.

Background Information: *Prior to entering combat, Canadian and allied troops typically received their military training in Great Britain. The source below is a letter sent from Canadian Allan Hager to his sister on November 12th, 1915.*

Dear Sister:

You'll excuse me if this letter is a wee bit short to-night. I only have a few minutes to spare and I am very tired. I have had a very trying time these last two weeks. They have made a musketry instructor out of me. I don't know how long the job is going to last, but I hope it won't be long. It is no joke to get up in front of a bunch of men, and lecture them for six hours every day, and then take them to the ranges and have the responsibility of them shooting at the targets and watching to see that they don't shoot themselves. You would think there was not much to learn about handling a rifle but just a bunch of green men and put them at target shooting without any training and you would find a great many dead men before the day was out.

Your Task: Which of the following are inferences and which are statements of fact?

	Statements
Inference / Non-Inference	The author of this letter served as a musketry instructor.
Inference / Non-Inference	The author of this letter found his role exhausting and stressful.
Inference / Non-Inference	The author of this letter was responsible for lecturing trainees and guiding them through target practice.
Inference / Non-Inference	The author of this letter believes it is important that trainees receive adequate training to ensure they and those around them are kept safe.
Inference / Non-Inference	The author of this letter does not enjoy his job.

Short Answer: What is the difference between inferential and non-inferential statements?