

Make justified inferences about the perspective of the author from what is written and implied.



1. What impression do you have of *The Enigma Girls* after reading the text? Complete the table below, justifying your opinions with evidence from the text.

impression	evidence

2. *At spy HQ - or to give it its full title, the Government Code and Cypher School - there were more than 10,000 employees and, remarkably, two-thirds of the spies were female.*

What does the word **remarkable** suggest about a high percentage of the spies being female?

3. Why do you think there was excitement around working at Bletchley Park?
4. *The biggest problem they faced was the sheer volume of codes the Nazi Enigma machine could generate in a single day.*

What does the phrase **sheer volume** suggest about how many codes they had to break?

5. *The teams of teenagers found themselves working a punishing schedule, with very little margin for error.*

a) What does the word **punishing** suggest about the workload/schedule?

b) What does the phrase **with very little margin for error** mean in the sentence above?

They made a lot of mistakes.

They didn't make many mistakes.

They couldn't make many mistakes.

They could make as many mistakes as they needed.

6. *The recognition of the work done at Bletchley was long overdue for the young women who played such a crucial role in the war effort.*

a) What does the phrase **long overdue** mean in the sentence above?

b) What does the word **crucial** suggest about the women's role in the war effort?