

Verifying Inferred Meanings



DIRECTIONS: In this passage from the book *On the Expression of Emotion in Man and Animals*, by Charles Darwin, Darwin describes the face of an infant who is crying. As you read the passage, write down what you think is the meaning of the bold words. When you have finished reading, use a dictionary to verify the meanings you wrote.

The firm closing of the eyelids and consequent **compression** of the eyeball, and this is a most important element in various expressions, serves to protect the eyes from becoming too much **gorged** with blood, as will presently be explained in detail...The best plan for observing the order is to make a person first raise his eyebrows, and this produces **transverse** wrinkles across the forehead; and then very gradually to contract all the muscles. . . with as much force as possible. . .The corrugators of the brow (corrugator supercillii) seem to be the first muscles to contract; and these draw the eyebrows downwards and inwards towards the base of the nose, causing vertical **furrows**, that is a frown, to appear between the eyebrows; at the same time they cause the disappearance of the transverse wrinkles across the forehead. The **orbicular** muscles contract almost simultaneously with the corrugators, and produce wrinkles all around the eyes; they appear, however, to be enabled to contract with greater force, as soon as the contraction of the corrugators has given them some support. Lastly, the **pyramidal** muscles of the nose contract; and these draw the eyebrows and the skin of the forehead still lower down, producing short transverse wrinkles across the base of the nose. For the sake of **brevity** these muscles will generally be spoken of as the orbiculars, or as those surrounding the eyes.

Word	What do you think it means?	Verified Meaning
compression		
gorged		
transverse		
furrow		
orbicular		
pyramidal		
brevity		