



Prediction

Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Practice

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Making a **prediction** is guessing what *happened next*.  
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Read each story event, and predict what *happened next*.

1. "Lin's mom just called," said Katy's mom. "She said Lin has a fever, and is staying home from school today.
"Oh shoot," said Katy. "We're partners on our science project, and everyone's going to be working on their projects today. I guess I'll just have to do all the work myself."
"Hmmm," said Katy's mom. "When is the project due?"
"It's not due for a week. We're just getting started on it."
"Maybe your teacher would let you work on your other homework while the class is working on the project. Then when Lin gets better, she can come over here after school, and the two of you can catch up on the project. Do you want me to write a note to your teacher to see if that would be OK?
What probably *happened next*?"
 - A. Katy called Lin's mom.
 - B. Katy's mom called Lin's mom.
 - C. Katy wrote a note.
 - D. Katy's mom wrote a note.
2. Joey ran across the soccer field to join his team. "Hey you guys! Sorry I'm late! My mom got home from work a little late."
"That's ok," Joey's coach said. "Could you go over and grab that bag of oranges from Chris's mom?"
What probably *happened next*?"
 - A. Joey's mom brought the oranges to the team.
 - B. Joey got the oranges from Chris's mom.
 - C. Chris got the oranges from his mom.
 - D. Joey and Chris went to get the oranges.

3. Jenny couldn't wait for the school day to be over. Aunt Sophie was visiting, and had promised to take Jenny Christmas shopping after school. Jenny had been saving her money for weeks and weeks. She had some good ideas for what to get her mom and her sister Claire. But she had no idea what to get for her dad.

She thought about that during Language Arts class. She thought about it during Social Studies and Math. Not socks. Not handkerchiefs. Those were boring. Then, in Science class, she had a great idea. Her dad liked to work in the little garden in their back yard. Jenny had noticed that his garden clippers had been left out in the rain, and were all rusty. That would be the first item on her list.

Finally, the bell rang. Aunt Sophie was waiting for Jenny outside in the car. "Where to first?" Aunt Sophie asked.
What probably *happened next*?

- A. Jenny asked to go for ice cream.
- B. Jenny asked to go to her friend's house.
- C. Jenny asked to go to the hardware store.
- D. Jenny asked to go to the toy store.

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4. Theodore loved to read superhero comic books. His favorite superhero was H2O, who could double in size if there was enough water around. His friend, Bean liked H2O comic books too. They talked about H2O's adventures, and what they thought might happen next in the story. Every comic book ended with H2O in some kind of awful situation. You couldn't imagine how the superhero would survive. Theodore usually had to borrow Bean's comic books. Theodore's mom didn't mind him reading comic books, but she said she couldn't afford to spend good money on them.

One day, Theodore saw his neighbor, Mr. Franco, walking past the apartment building with his dog, Royal. Royal was a nice collie with big brown eyes. Theodore said "Hi!" and walked over to Mr. Franco. Mr. Franco smiled, and said, "I wish I had time to walk Royal more. He really loves his walks. I've been thinking about paying someone to walk him a few days a week."

What probably *happened next*?

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## Answer Key

1. D
2. B
3. C
4. Accept any reasonable response, such as, Theodore and Mr. Franco agreed that Mr. Franco would pay Theodore to walk Royal a few days a week.