

Making Predictions Worksheet 1

Directions: Read the following passages. Determine what event is likely to occur next. Explain your answer using textual evidence.

Vince Thunder waved to the crowd one more time before he put on his motorcycle helmet. The crowd cheered uproariously. Vince looked down the ramp and across the 17 school busses that he was about to attempt to jump. It was a difficult trick and everything would need to go right for him to nail it. His cape blew in the wind. As Vince hopped on his motorcycle and started down the ramp, he noticed something that he had not seen before. There was large oil slick at the end of the ramp. He attempted to stop the bike, but it was too late. He had already built up too much momentum...

1. What event is most likely to occur next? _____

2. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

Rex sat at the mouth of the alley and chewed the bone that he had found by the dumpster. It was a meaty bone that had belonged to a larger animal, perhaps a state fair prize winning pig. Rex was attracted to the bone by its strong scent. Apparently, he was not the only one who could smell it. He heard the jangle of tags behind him and turned to see a larger dog. Rex released the bone and began growling at the other dog. The other dog began growling at Rex. The two dogs inched toward one another, maintaining eye contact. Each began growling louder as the other approached within striking distance...

3. What event is most likely to occur next? _____

4. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

John sat in the classroom and drew pictures of the Tatakai Fighting Warriors in his notebook while his teacher lectured about biology or something. He didn't really know for sure. The last thing he remembered her saying was that there would be a test tomorrow. His heart jumped. He went home to study for the test, but he was soon drawn to his Game Box. He played Tatakai Fighting Warriors long into the night. When his alarm clock rang the next day, he was too tired to hit the snooze button, so he let it beep for about 20 minutes before he got up and went to school. As she had promised, the teacher has prepared a test. She reviewed the testing procedures and directions with the class and then passed out the test. John looked at his test and scratched his head...

5. What event is most likely to occur next? _____

6. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

Angela threw the bedspread over the bed and fussed with it until it was free of wrinkles. She dusted her dresser and straightened the knickknacks. As she was leaving the room, she noticed that a picture frame on the nightstand was slightly crooked. She went back into the room and straightened the picture frame. She examined her bedroom one more time and gave it a satisfied nod, and then she went to vacuum the living room. As she was running the vacuum, her three-year-old son Jason walked into Angela's bedroom. He was drinking a glass of grape juice and playing with his cars. Angela's bedspread fell as he raced his cars off the bed. While hitting an imaginary jump with his cars, he bumped into the nightstand and knocked over Angela's picture frame. Then, while he lined his cars up at the starting line of a pretend race, he kicked over the grape juice and it spilled all over Angela's white carpet. Jason didn't notice. After Angela finished vacuuming the living room, she tied the cord around the vacuum and went to return it to her bedroom...

7. What event is most likely to occur next? _____

8. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

Lance didn't cook much but he wanted to do something nice for his wife's birthday, so he decided to make her dinner. He was preparing a meal of steak and potatoes by following a recipe that he had found on the Internet. He put the steaks on the grill on low heat and quartered the potatoes. Then he threw the potatoes in a skillet with a little bit of oil and cooked them over medium heat. After browning the potatoes, he grabbed the skillet by the metal handle and put it into the oven at 400 degrees. Twenty minutes later he grabbed the steaks off of the grill and began preparing the plates. The last thing that he needed to do was take the potatoes out of the oven. He thought about using a potholder to remove the pan, but didn't want to bother with getting one out of the drawer. He reached into the hot oven, his hand nearing the metal handle of the skillet. He wrapped his hand around the handle and clenched tightly...

9. What event is most likely to occur next? _____

10. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?