

## Making Predictions Worksheet 4

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

Jarod leaned back on the inflatable raft. It was too hot to paddle and he needed to conserve his energy. He had been lost at sea for the last three days. He was out of food and water, and he only had one emergency flare left. Yesterday he saw a plane pass overhead. He lit two flares, hoping to attract the attention of the pilot. The plane did not turn around. Jarod used the map he had salvaged from the wreck as a makeshift visor. He knew that continued exposure to the sun would kill him sooner than anything else. Then he saw a small blob on the horizon. He could do nothing but wait. Twenty minutes later, the blob had grown to the shape of a yacht. It appeared to be a cruise ship of some sort. It was about five hundred yards away. While Jarod could see the yacht, it was unlikely that anyone on the cruise ship could see Jarod's tiny raft from that distance. Jarod knew he had to try anyway. He tied his sweater to his oar and began waving it in the air. He was exhausted, but he mustered the strength. As the yacht appeared to be sailing away, Jarod made one last-ditch effort and fired the emergency flare. The small flare shot up about twenty feet in the air and popped. Jarod lowered his head in dismay. Then he heard a loud toot. The ship appeared to be turning. He heard the ship toot its horn again as it continued turning toward Jarod. He jumped up and down in the life raft and continued waving the makeshift flag he had constructed...

1. What event is most likely to occur next? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

Mr. Fox pointed his weapon at Mr. Rabbit, who had already drawn on Mr. Fox. They stared into one another's eyes, each measuring the other's intent. "It doesn't have to go down this way!" Mr. Fox said authoritatively to Mr. Rabbit. Mr. Rabbit smirked, "You're right, Mr. Fox. You could just runaway and let me keep the carrot patch." Now it was Mr. Fox who smirked. "I don't think so, Rabbit, not that easily anyway." Mr. Fox coolly announced. Mr. Rabbit snapped back at him, "Well, Fox, I guess we've got a standoff." Mr. Fox squinted at him and replied, "Yup, I guess so." Rabbit's finger tensed on the trigger. A group of construction workers were repairing the highway about thirty feet to the north. They dropped a large steel plate on the road with force. It came down with a crash that sounded like a gunshot...

3. What event is most likely to occur next? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

Johnny was walking home on a cool day when the wind caught his hat and carried it out onto the lake. There was a thin layer of ice that covered the water. The hat sat on top of the ice layer, looking like the day that Johnny had bought it. Johnny tested the ice with his toe. It seemed secure, but he could see the water at the edges of the ice. He carefully tiptoed across the sheet of ice to his hat and picked it up. As he did so the ice cracked. A large sheet began drifting away. Johnny was surrounded by cracks. He took another careful step, putting his weight directly on one of the cracks and then...

5. What event is most likely to occur next? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

"Remember to study for the test tomorrow!" Ms. Claire said before dismissing her class. Lisa wrote the assignment in her notebook but when she got home she just wanted a break from school, so she watched TV. A couple of hours later, Lisa knew that it was time to get to work, but first she would check her email. After another hour on the Internet, Lisa noticed that it was getting late. She opened up the textbook and began looking for the chapter. Then her friend Jenna called. Bobby and Suzy had broken up! Lisa couldn't believe it. She and Jenna talked about it for another hour. Now it was really late and Lisa was tired. She hung up with Jenna and turned to the chapter on rock formations in her science book. She began reading it. Her head felt a little woozy, wobbly and then...

7. What event is most likely to occur next? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

Mr. Nibbles kissed his family and left his hole in the wall. It was time for him to go to work. His mouse family was counting on him. He slipped into the pantry and found a few cookie crumbs. He nibbled these up quickly. He was looking for something more substantial, something that could feed them all. Then he spotted it. It was a large wedge of Swiss cheese. It was just waiting for him on a platter. The platter appeared to be on some type of catapult device, but Mr. Nibbles didn't really understand engineering. If Mr. Nibbles were literate, he might have noticed the words on the side of the catapult device that said *Mouse Killer: 5000 - Reliable Mousetrap*. But Mr. Nibbles was not literate. He walked over to the piece of cheese, grabbed it with his teeth and...

9. What event is most likely to occur next? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?