

Making Predictions Worksheet 3

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

Cameron threw the rope into the field. It landed near the creek. Doris did not wait for the rope to land. She darted out into the field and picked the rope up off the ground with her teeth. If she had been a little bit faster, she might have beaten the rope to its landing spot. She brought the rope back to Cameron, released it, and then started barking. Cameron patted Doris on the head and praised her. Then he wound up and threw the rope as hard as he could. The wind must have caught the rope too, because it just kept moving. It landed in the middle of the creek...

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

2. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

"You have a pimple on your forehead!" Eric snooted to Katie. Katie snapped back at him, "I do not!" Eric was delighted to see that he had gotten under her skin. He laughed, "Ha ha! You do too, and now that you're turning red, it's easier to see." Katie scowled then she charged at Eric. Eric knew better than to stand still when Katie charged, so he started running. Katie caught up to him in the living room. Mom had a beautiful antique vase on a large marble pedestal near the corner of the room. Eric took refuge behind it, knowing that as long as he could keep running around the vase faster than Katie, she would never catch him. Katie yelled at the top of her lungs, "Take it back!" As she circled around the pedestal, her foot bumped into the corner. The antique vase wobbled on the top of the pedestal. "Your pimple looks really red when you get mad!" Eric remarked snidely. He was really enjoying this. The vase continued wobbling but remained upright. Katie charged again. This time she bumped the pedestal with her elbow as she circled it...

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

4. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

"You have to water the tomatoes in the morning, not a midday or night," Veronica told her brother A.J. He nodded, but it didn't really look like he was paying attention. "They need to aspirate water all day, so please water them in the morning," she continued. "Yeah, yeah, water the plants," A.J. said with frustration. Veronica was travelling out of the country to Spain for two weeks. She was counting on her brother A.J. to water her plants. He had been irresponsible in the past, but she was giving him another chance. She had heard that gardening was therapeutic and A.J. needed therapy. She hugged and kissed

him goodbye and then went to the airport. While she was gone, A.J. stopped by the garden once or twice at the start of the first week, and then he lost interest. Veronica wanted to call her brother to remind him to water the plants, but she was having so much fun in Spain that she forgot. When Veronica finally returned, the first thing she did was check out her garden. She walked up to the patch and...

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

6. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

Ding! The timer rang. Cassandra pulled the oven door open and the fragrance of hot cherry pie filled the room. Steam was emanating from the surface of the pastry. Cassandra took a deep whiff and said, "Mm..." She then put the pie on the kitchen table to cool and went off to knit a hat for her grandson. Her dog Champ must have smelled the pie too. He wandered into the kitchen, put his forelegs on the table, licked his lips...

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

8. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

Tex opened the can of peaches with his knife and cooked them over the fire. He shared them with his buddy Dusky and they told stories of stampedes and bandits until they tired of talking. Tex took off his boots and unrolled his blanket. He didn't mind sleeping under the stars. He put his hat over his face and fell asleep with his head on his pack. During the night a scorpion found itself next to Tex. The scorpion was very tired and, unlike Tex, the scorpion did not want to sleep under the stars. He liked small dark places, like Tex's boot. He crawled into the front of Tex's boot and fell asleep. When Tex awoke in the morning, he couldn't wait to get a jump on the day. He put on his hat, clicked on his belt and gun holsters...

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

10. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?