

Make Predictions

A prediction is a guess you make based on the pictures, titles, headings, text and your own personal experiences before you begin to read.

When you make a prediction, you think ahead while reading and anticipate information and events in the text.

After making your predictions, you can read through the text and refine, revise, and verify your predictions.



Something Scary in the Night

"We're here!" yelled my brother Glenn.

After two hours of travelling in the car with my annoying brother, we finally pulled up behind the moving truck, full of our furniture.

I felt absolutely ecstatic! I ran as fast as I could to see my room, my very own room! No more sharing with the most annoying, loud and disgusting brother!

I skipped along the hallway to my room, opened the blinds and started to plan how I was going to decorate it. "Be careful of the monsters that come out at night," snarled Glenn as he stomped past my bedroom.

That night I lay on my bed, enjoying the peace and quiet. Suddenly, I heard a whooshing sound - like someone was walking past my bedroom. I thought it was strange, but kept looking around my beautifully decorated room.

Thump, thump, thump. I thought my mind was playing tricks on me. I heard footsteps that sounded like they were in my room. I stood up and walked over to my bedroom door. I couldn't see anything. I climbed back into bed, just in time to see a shadow slide past my bedroom door. I quickly hid under my blanket. My brother was right! I decided to...



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2. Who might the main character might be?

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3. *No more sharing with the most annoying, loud and disgusting brother!*

Why do you think the main character describes their brother in this way?

4. What do you think the main character decides to do? Why do you think this?

CRAZY CREATIVE CHALLENGE

Draw a picture of your bedroom.

Write a list of things you would change in your bedroom.

Going on Holidays

The day had finally arrived... school had ended and the holidays had begun!

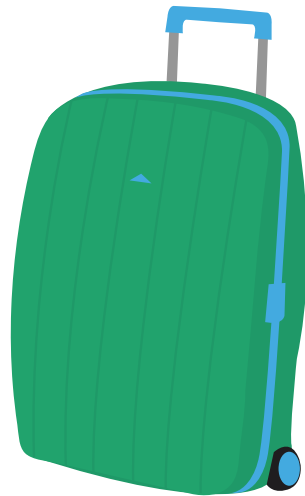
I was filled with great excitement. Tomorrow my family and I were heading off on our annual holiday.

I took out my big green and blue suitcase from the bottom of my wardrobe, threw it onto my bed and quickly unzipped it. An old musty smell burst out of the bag, so I drowned it with some of my mother's best perfume.

Inside were the remains of who knows what from the bottom of my old boots and an old lift pass. After making my suitcase nice and clean again, I started gathering all the things I would need for my holiday.

I slowly loaded my suitcase with warm clothes. I packed my beanie and gloves, along with the long stripy scarf Nan knitted me. I couldn't wait to try the sleek new goggles my friend Sam lent me, I hoped that they would make me go faster!

Lastly, I packed some pocket money so I could buy a delicious hot chocolate at the end of my fun days.



Going on Holidays

1. Predict where the person might be going on holidays.
Why do you think this?
2. Who might the main character be?
Why do you think this?
3. *An old musty smell burst out of the bag.*
Predict what caused the smell. Why do you think this?
4. Do you think the main character will go on the same holiday again next year?
Explain a reason for your prediction.

CRAZY CREATIVE CHALLENGE

You are stranded on a deserted island.

Write and/or draw a list of ten items that you wish you had packed and taken with you.

Getting Ready for the Party

“Marco, do you want Spiderman or Batman on the balloons?” asked Mum. I went with Spiderman - I think he is definitely my favourite superhero! The balloons were the last thing we needed to buy for the party.

When we got home, Mum and I started to decorate the house for the party. We put up the Spiderman balloons. Mum blew them up and I stuck them on the walls. We put balloons on our letterbox too, so that people knew where the party was.

Mum had made the most amazing cupcakes as well – green Hulk cupcakes, red Spiderman cupcakes and blue Superman cupcakes. She asked me to get them out of the fridge and put them on some plates. On the food table we also had fairy bread, fruit sticks and green slimy-looking jelly cups.

“Marco, it’s time to get into your costume,” Mum yelled from the kitchen. I bounced up the stairs. I was so excited that the day had finally arrived. I put on my costume just in time.

Ding dong. The first guest had arrived.



Getting Ready for the Party

1. What is the theme of the party?
Why do you think this?
2. Who is the party for?
Why do you think this?
3. Why are they having a party?
Why do you think this?
4. Predict what costume Marco is wearing.
Give three reasons to support your view

CRAZY CREATIVE CHALLENGE

If you were having a party, what theme would you pick?

Create an invitation to your party.

What's for Dinner?

I was so hungry! I walked through the front door and yelled, "What's for dinner?"

"Your favourite!" Mum replied.

"Great," I mumbled grumpily. That means it could be anything!

I stomped across the sitting room and into the kitchen. Mum was slowly unpacking the groceries. "What's this?" I asked.

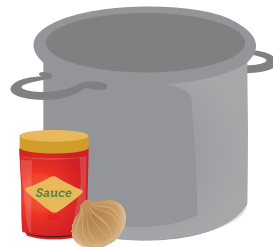
"It's for your dinner," Mum responded.

She pulled out some spaghetti, then some mince. In the other bag was a jar of sauce, onions, tomatoes and some green herbs. "What's this called?" I asked, holding up the bunch of leaves.

"Basil," Mum replied with a smile. "It makes everything taste so much better!"

I went to my room to get changed. As I was getting out of my training gear, I could smell a delicious aroma coming from Mum's cooking. My stomach began to rumble. I quickly finished getting changed and ran back into the kitchen.

Dinner was finally ready. To my surprise, Mum really did make my favourite!



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Why do you think this?

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3. Predict who lives in the house.

Why do you think this?

4. What do you think Mum cooked for dinner?

Give three reasons to support your answer.

CRAZY CREATIVE CHALLENGE

Create a menu of your favourite dinner.

Include drinks, entrée, the main and desserts.

Birthday Surprise!

I couldn't wait! I jumped out of bed and ran downstairs shouting "It's my birthday! It's my birthday!" I was so excited!

Last night, Dad came home with a birthday surprise for me, but I wasn't allowed to open it until the morning. I was hoping it was what I wished for last year, for my 5th birthday.

Sitting in the middle of the sitting room floor was my mystery birthday present - a polka dot box with a pink ribbon around it. The box had small round holes on the side and I was pretty sure I could hear a little noise coming from inside.

I couldn't open it without Dad, so I ran into my parents' room. I jumped on the bed like a trampoline yelling, "Wake up! Wake up! It's time to open my present!"

"Alright, alright," said Dad, "let me just put on my slippers".

Still yawning, my parents strolled into the living room.

"Wait! Let me get the camera!" Dad exclaimed.

They sat on the lounge, ready and waiting for me to unwrap my surprise. I carefully untied the bow. Then, in one big tear, I ripped off the wrapping. Inside was...



Birthday Surprise!

1. Predict what was inside the box.
Why do you think this? Draw a picture of it.
2. Who do you think the main character might be?
Why do you think this?
3. Predict what time it was when the main character woke up their parents.
Why do you think this?
4. Which birthday is the main character celebrating?
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CRAZY CREATIVE CHALLENGE

Make a wish list for your next birthday.

List ten ultimate presents that you would love to receive.

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1. They are most likely in their new house. Clues include a moving truck, planning how to decorate the room.
2. Answers will vary. Teacher to check reasoning.
3. The main character describes their brother in this way as they obviously not enjoyed sharing a room together.
4. Answers will vary. Teacher to check reasoning.

Going on Holidays

1. The person is going to the snow. Clues include a musty bag, old lift pass, warm clothes, gloves, beanie, scarf, goggles, hot chocolate.
2. Answers will vary. Teacher to check reasoning.
3. The character might have left some snow in the bag from their boots.
4. Yes. The character was going on their annual holiday and they had a lift pass from last year.

Getting Ready for the Party

1. The theme of the party is superheroes because they have Spiderman balloons and green Hulk cupcakes.
2. The party is for Marco. Mum asks Marco what he would like for the party and he was excited the day had finally arrived.
3. It is most likely that they are having the party for Marco's birthday.
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What's for Dinner?

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3. It is most likely that only the main character and their Mum live in the house as there is no mention of any other characters.
4. It is most likely Mum made spaghetti bolognaise for dinner. Clues include spaghetti, mince, jar of sauce, onions, tomatoes and basil.

A Birthday Surprise!

1. There was probably a pet inside the box. People do not usually pock holes in the sides of birthday presents.
2. Answers will vary. Teacher to check reasoning.
3. The main character woke their parents up very early in the morning. They were still yawning when they entered the living room.
4. The main character is celebrating their sixth birthday. The mention that they celebrated their fifth birthday the year before.