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Making Predictions

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

As Frank marched through the desert, the high winds blew sand at speeds that stung his exposed skin. He looked back and could see his footprints for hundreds of feet, beyond that the winds had blown them away. He had no idea how long or how far he had walked. He turned his back to the wind and opened his canteen. He attempted to pour it into his mouth, but there was not a drop. He rolled his tongue around the nozzle of the canteen, but it was bone dry. Frank dropped the canteen in the sand and continued walking. His steps slowed. He was getting dizzy. The sun's rays seemed to only increase in intensity throughout the day. It hung high overhead and punished all that resided in the desert beneath it. Frank was lightheaded. He felt his knees get wobbly...

1. What event is most likely to occur next?

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2. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

Valarie pulled into her mother's driveway on a lovely morning in the month of May. She got the kids out of the car and walked them up to the door. Grandma smiled brightly and welcomed them, "So nice to see you children. You too, Valarie, I hope that you have a wonderful vacation. We will see you in a couple weeks." The kids kissed their mother goodbye and went outside to play in the warm sun. They were wearing shorts and t-shirts and had sunblock on their noses. As mom pulled out of the driveway, a storm cloud rolled across the sky. The temperature suddenly dropped. Grandma looked at the weather report and saw a bunch of snowflake icons across the next few days. Then Grandma looked at the shivering children in their summer clothes. "Do you have anything warmer in your bags, kids?" The children shook their heads. Grandma replied, "Ok, well, hop in the car. We've got to go to the store." Tiny snowflakes began to fall...

3. What event is most likely to occur next?

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4. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

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"Don't forget to lock the barn behind you, so the animals don't get out." Farmer Green told his new farmhand, Danny. Danny nodded and went to work. He fed all of the animals, and then he cleaned the stables. It was hard work, but Danny was happy to have a job. At first Farmer Green watched him carefully, but gradually he gave Danny some distance, showing him his trust. Danny was exhausted from a hard day's work. He wiped the sweat from his brow and proceeded to exit the barn. He left the lock in a pile of hay by the shovels and shut the door behind himself, walking away from the unlocked door. Danny was off to see Farmer Green to find out his next task...

5. What event is most likely to occur next?

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6. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

Kenya was pumped about the dance competition. She was driving there in her mama's car and taking her teammates Dana and Jenna. It was a four-hour car ride. They were listening to the new Mountain Boys' album and the girls were singing along to all of choruses, replaying the songs that they liked multiple times. They were having so much fun cruising down the highway and singing that Kenya didn't even notice the needle on her fuel gauge drop below the E line. Dana pressed the back button to replay their favorite song, *My Heart Takes off Its Cowboy Hat for You*. As the song began playing, the car's engine began sputtering...

7. What event is most likely to occur next?

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8. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

"Yeah, I go horseback riding all of the time. My uncle has a horse," Brian told Shannon. Brian's uncle did not have a horse and he had never gone horseback riding in his life. Shannon stared deeply into his eyes and said, "I like you, Brian. Will you come horseback riding with me tomorrow?" Brian agreed without hesitation. He was so excited to spend more time with Shannon that he had forgotten his lie entirely. He showed up at Shannon's house and she asked him why he didn't wear his riding gear. He lied again, telling her that his gear was at the cleaners. Shannon lent him some of her brother's gear and they went to the stables. "This one's called Black Scarlet. He's my brother's horse and he's by far the fastest. Since you're an experienced rider, I'm going to let you take him out." Brian gulped. He figured that horseback riding looked pretty easy in the movies. "Ok," he replied, and then he attempted to mount Black Scarlet...

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9. What event is most likely to occur next?

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10. What evidence from the text supports your prediction?

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