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Subject: Reading

Focused Skill: Making Predictions

**REMEMBER:** To make predictions, use text and picture clues as well as your own experiences to make a reasonable guess about what will happen in the story.

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the passage below, then answer the questions.

My family and I had just returned from an exciting two weeks vacation on the island of Eleuthera. I ran to the garage to get my bicycle. I couldn't believe my eyes; my bicycle was gone! I shouted for my dad to tell him that someone had stolen my bicycle. Immediately, he called the police. They invited us to come to the station to make an official **complaint**. The policemen were **annoyed** that people were stealing.



At the station, we were **interviewed**. The police wrote an official report of the theft and afterwards they explained to me that I may not see my bicycle again. Losing my bicycle made me cry. That night, before going to bed, I prayed that I would find it.

To our surprise, the police called two weeks later. My bicycle had been found and the thief had been arrested. At first I was glad. But, once I saw the damage that had been done to it, I was angry. My bicycle could not be **repaired**. However, that Christmas, I received a special gift. My dad replaced my bike with a new one.

1. **Based on story clues and your own experiences**, what do you think would be a suitable title for the story?

2. According to the passage, **Jim ran to the garage to get his bicycle**. Predict what might have happened if the bicycle was in the garage.

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3. **Immediately, dad called the police**. Predict what might have happened if Jim's dad had tried to solve the problem himself.

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4. **Use information from the passage**, to make a reasonable guess about what you think might have happened if Jim did not wait patiently for the police to respond.

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5. "My bicycle **could not be repaired**." This statement tells you that the bicycle:

- a. could not be fixed
- b. had several missing parts
- c. needed a new paint job
- d. needed a seat and handle