

Making a **prediction** is guessing what *happened next*.

Read each story event, and predict what *happened next*.

1. Zack and Andy were building a spaceship from a kit Zack got for his birthday. There were lots of small pieces spread out all over the table. "That's a lot of pieces!" Andy said.
Zack unfolded the paper that had the directions. It had pictures to show how to put the spaceship together, step by step. He showed the paper to Andy. "Look," said Zack. "It starts with four of these long thin pieces.
What probably *happened next*?

A. Zack and Andy called Zack's mom for help.
B. Zack and Andy looked for four of the long thin pieces.
C. Zack and Andy went outside to play.
D. Zack and Andy sorted the pieces into three piles.

2. "Do you want me to quiz you?" Paulina's mom asked.
"I don't know," Paulina replied. "I went through the list three times last night. I think I can spell all the words."
"Better safe than sorry," Paulina's mom said. "And you have plenty of time before the bus comes."
Tina handed her word list to her mom.
What probably *happened next*?

A. Paulina made a sandwich for her lunch.
B. Paulina was late for the school bus.
C. Paulina put the spelling word list in her backpack.
D. Paulina's mom quizzed her on the spelling words.

3. Sean looked around the lunch room, then went and sat across from his friend Eric. "Hey, Sean," Eric said, holding up a paperback book. "I just finished reading this book, *The Boy at the End of the World*. It's about this time way in the future. This kid wakes up in some blown-up laboratory. Then this robot says that the kid is the last human alive. But the robot says there may be more humans stored away in pods that they can rescue—if they can find them. Then this baby mammoth starts following them around, and wanting to be friends."

Sean pointed to the cover of the book. "Is this the robot?" he asked.

Eric nodded, and showed Sean another picture inside the book. "And this is the baby mammoth. The kid calls the mammoth 'Protein.' You want to borrow the book?" he asked. "I got it for my birthday."

What probably *happened next*?

- A. Sean borrowed the book.
- B. Eric put the book in his backpack.
- C. Sean told Eric about a book he had read.
- D. Sean told Eric how the book ended.

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4. From the back seat, Tina looked out the front windshield. There wasn't much to see. Just fields and more fields. "Are we there yet?" she asked, knowing that they weren't even close.

"Not yet," her dad said with a smile.

Tina couldn't wait to get to her grandma's house. There was a big yard to play in, and good things to eat. Her cousins were going to be there too. Tina's eyes got heavy.

"Are we there yet?" Tina said in a very sleepy voice.

Her dad just said, "Nope!"

Tina closed her eyes.

"Hey sleepyhead!" said Tina's mom. "Time to rise and shine!" The car had stopped moving.

What probably *happened next*?