Clues Before Noon

Use text clues to predict events and track what happens.

8.P.EICC.3.e "Make and track predictions about the events and information likely to come next. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three details that help you predict what Maya may do or what may happen next. Number the clues 1, 2, and 3, then circle one later detail that confirms or changes a prediction.

The Greenhouse Sale

1 At 6:10 on Saturday morning, Maya unlocked the community greenhouse for the student plant sale. She carried trays of basil to the front table, but noticed that the rain barrel beside the door was nearly empty. The weather app on her phone showed a yellow heat advisory for noon. Inside, several tomato plants drooped even though the soil felt damp. Maya wrote check ventilation on the sale checklist and looked up at the closed roof vents.

2 By eight o'clock, volunteers began arriving with handmade signs and boxes of cookies. Maya asked Jordan to place the signs in the shade, then opened one roof vent with a long pole. A dry gust moved through the greenhouse, stirring loose pot labels across the floor. Jordan pointed toward a dark line of clouds beyond the parking lot, but the weather app still listed no rain until evening. Maya heard the school custodian unlocking the tool shed next door and remembered that it stored portable fans.

3 Near nine o'clock, the first customers entered, and the greenhouse grew warmer. Maya set a pitcher of water beside the cash box for volunteers, then checked the tomato leaves again. Their edges had curled inward. She found an extension cord in a supply cabinet, but it was too short to reach the tool shed. Outside, the clouds were closer now, and a few customers hurried toward their cars. Maya picked up the sale checklist, crossed out extra display, and headed toward the custodian's open door.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Before reading paragraph 2, what could you predict Maya would do about the closed roof vents? Which detail in paragraph 2 confirms your prediction?

2. After paragraph 2, predict one problem Maya will likely notice in paragraph 3. What detail in paragraph 3 tracks your prediction?

3. At the end of paragraph 3, what is Maya most likely going to ask the custodian for? Use two clues from the passage.

4. Predict what may happen to the plant sale during the next hour. Use two details from paragraph 3 to support your prediction.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence prediction log about a book, article, game, or real event you know. Name where you stopped, give two clues, state a prediction, and explain what later information you would watch for to track it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 8 · 8.P.EICC.3.e

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline three details that help you predict what Maya may do or what may happen next. Number the clues 1, 2, and 3, then circle one later detail that confirms or changes a prediction. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Before reading paragraph 2, what could you predict Maya would do about the closed roof vents? Which detail in paragraph 2 confirms your prediction?	**Maya would likely open a roof vent. Paragraph 2 confirms this when she opens one roof vent with a long pole.**
2	After paragraph 2, predict one problem Maya will likely notice in paragraph 3. What detail in paragraph 3 tracks your prediction?	**The greenhouse will likely become hotter and the plants will show heat stress. Paragraph 3 says the greenhouse grew warmer and the tomato leaf edges curled inward.**
3	At the end of paragraph 3, what is Maya most likely going to ask the custodian for? Use two clues from the passage.	**She will likely ask for a portable fan or help getting one. The tool shed stores portable fans, and Maya's extension cord is too short to reach the shed.**
4	Predict what may happen to the plant sale during the next hour. Use two details from paragraph 3 to support your prediction.	**The sale will likely slow because some customers may leave or avoid the greenhouse. The clouds are closer, customers are hurrying to their cars, and the greenhouse is growing warmer.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I stopped reading a news article when a wildlife rescue team found oil on several seabirds near shore. The article said the team had called for crates and had closed the nearby beach. I predicted that the rescuers would collect birds and move them to a treatment center. I would track this prediction by looking for the team's next actions in the following section.

Accept predictions that are plausible and supported by specific passage details. For Questions 1 and 2, students should identify both a reasonable prediction and the later detail that confirms it.