

Clue Trail

Use titles, evidence, and text patterns to adjust predictions.

6.5.C “make and correct or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Use the title to make a prediction about why the water is green. Underline two details that confirm or correct your prediction, and write C or R beside each underlined detail.

The Green Water Mystery

- ① On Monday, visitors at Willow Pond noticed that the water near the dock looked bright green. The pond had been clear the week before, and several people wondered whether someone had poured paint into it. Park staff closed the swimming area and recorded what they saw. Fish still moved near the shore, but a thin green layer drifted across the surface by afternoon. Staff collected water in clean bottles from three parts of the pond for testing.
- ② On Tuesday, a lab technician examined the samples with a microscope. Each sample contained many tiny green algae, living organisms that use sunlight. The tests also showed more phosphorus in the water than the pond's usual reading. Nearby lawns, pet waste, and decomposing leaves can all add phosphorus to water, so the results did not identify one source. Staff also checked for common paint chemicals, but those chemicals were not found. Warm, sunny weather had lasted for six days.
- ③ By Friday, clouds and cooler temperatures had arrived. The green layer became thinner, and the swimming area reopened after another water check. Park staff posted a notice asking visitors not to feed ducks and asking homeowners to keep yard fertilizer away from storm drains. They planned to test the pond again after the next heavy rain. Their notes described what happened each day, the evidence they collected, and questions that still needed more investigation later.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Based on the title alone, what could you predict the passage will investigate? After reading, name one detail that shows this prediction fits.

2 Suppose you predicted that paint caused the green water. Which two details should make you revise that prediction?

3 What genre is this passage most likely to be? Name two characteristics that support your answer.

4 The paragraphs move from Monday to Tuesday to Friday. What could you predict paragraph 3 would include because of this pattern? Was your prediction confirmed? Use one detail.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine you are about to read an informational report titled "Why Did the Sidewalk Crack?" Write three sentences: one prediction based on the title, one new piece of evidence that would confirm or correct it, and your revised or confirmed prediction.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Use the title to make a prediction about why the water is green. Underline two details that confirm or correct your prediction, and write C or R beside each underlined detail. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Based on the title alone, what could you predict the passage will investigate? After reading, name one detail that shows this prediction fits.	It will investigate why the pond water turned green. Staff collected water samples for testing, or the passage reports evidence about the green water.
2	Suppose you predicted that paint caused the green water. Which two details should make you revise that prediction?	The samples contained many tiny green algae, and tests did not find common paint chemicals.
3	What genre is this passage most likely to be? Name two characteristics that support your answer.	It is an informational report or field report. It includes dated observations, test results, measurements or evidence, and plans for further testing.
4	The paragraphs move from Monday to Tuesday to Friday. What could you predict paragraph 3 would include because of this pattern? Was your prediction confirmed? Use one detail.	A reader could predict a later update about the pond. This is confirmed because Friday's paragraph reports that the green layer became thinner and the swimming area reopened.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The title makes me predict that something pushed up from under the sidewalk. If the report shows thick tree roots beneath the crack, that evidence would confirm my prediction. I would confirm that roots, rather than a surface spill, caused the crack.

Accept reasonable predictions that use the title, evidence, genre characteristics, or the day-by-day pattern. For the open task, check that the student includes a prediction, relevant possible evidence, and a logical confirmation or revision.