

What Happens Next?

Read short story clues aloud, then students circle likely next actions and events.

K.RL.1.D "With prompting and support, generate predictions about story characters and events using the text."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CHARACTER CLUES

a	return	keep	tear
b	nap	swim	sing

2 EVENT CLUES

a	sunshine	puddles	sand
b	sprout	freeze	vanish

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each short story and its choices aloud twice. Pause for children to use the story details to predict what a character may do or what may happen next, then have them circle one word.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CHARACTER CLUES

SAY “Listen for what each character may do next. I will read the story and the three words, then you will circle the word that matches your prediction.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Lee found Ana's mitten by the door. Lee wanted to help Ana find it. What might Lee do next? The words are return, keep, and tear. Which word shows your prediction?	return
b	Priya practiced her song every day for the school show. The show began. What might Priya do next? The words are nap, swim, and sing. Which word shows your prediction?	sing

PART 2 • EVENT CLUES

SAY “Listen for what may happen next in each story. I will read the story and the three words, then you will circle the word that matches your prediction.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	At the start of a hike, the sky grew dark and rain began to fall. What might happen next? The words are sunshine, puddles, and sand. Which word shows your prediction?	puddles
b	Sam put a seed in soil and gave it water each day. After many days, what might happen? The words are sprout, freeze, and vanish. Which word shows your prediction?	sprout

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are return and sing. Part 2 answers are puddles and sprout; accept a clear circle or a child pointing to the intended word.