

## Make Predictions

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As you read a story, you probably ask yourself what will happen next. To answer that question, you think about clues in the story and your own experience. Then you make a **prediction**, or guess, about what will happen.

Read each story. Then answer the questions.

The students in Ms. Wang's fifth-grade class are hard workers. They want to do community service projects for their school. For the projects, they can repaint the old fence on the playground, rebuild the broken seesaw, or pull out the weeds in the schoolyard and plant some flowers. Still, the class is not sure which projects they want to do. Although the class has little money to spend on tools, a local hardware store is offering free paint and flower seeds during the month of April. The class will have two weeks in April to do the projects.

1. What projects do you predict the class will do for their community service? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What story clues helped you make your prediction? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Will Ms. Wang's class be able to get the work done in time? Why do you think so?

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Juanita and Marika are in Juanita's backyard. They are trying to decide what to make for their soccer team's bake sale. Juanita's mother comes out to pick some pears from the tree.

"Taste these pears, girls," she says. "They're delicious. They're perfect for making a pie."

Juanita and Marika each take a bite and then turn to each other and smile. Their dilemma is solved.

4. What do you predict the two girls will make for the soccer team's bake sale? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What story clues helped you make your prediction? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Story Comprehension

In the left column are causes for events in "The Gold Coin." In the right column are the effects of those causes. Next to each cause, write the letter of its effect.

Cause	Effect
_____ 1. Juan has no friends or family	a. Juan helps them work in the field.
_____ 2. Juan steals at night.	b. Juan's body is shriveled and bent.
_____ 3. Juan hides and sneaks about.	c. Juan offers to repair her house.
_____ 4. Doña Josefa leaves her home.	d. His face is always twisted into a frown.
_____ 5. Father and son must finish digging up potatoes before they give Juan a ride.	e. Juan enters the empty hut looking for gold.
_____ 6. Juan enjoys home-cooked stew and bread.	f. He thinks of other meals.
_____ 7. The girl shows him a family of rabbits.	g. His skin is pale and sickly.
_____ 8. Doña Josefa can't leave her house because the roof is damaged and a storm is approaching.	h. Juan smiles.