Making a prediction is guessing what happened next.

Read each story event, and predict what happened next.

1. Kim woke up on Saturday morning. She remembered that she had a few chores to do before she went out to play. But she didn’t feel so good. She still felt tired, and her stomach hurt. She heard her mom calling, so she went to the kitchen. “I don’t feel so good, Mom,” she said.

Kim’s mom put her hand on Kim’s forehead. “Oh,” said Mom. “I don’t think you’ll be doing chores OR going out to play today.” What probably happened next?

A. Kim ate a big breakfast.
B. Kim went outside to play
C. Kim helped her mom wash the dishes.
D. Kim went back to bed.

2. Ivan took a few practice swings with his bat, keeping his eye on the pitcher. “Get a hit, Ivan!” someone yelled from the stands. Ivan was ready, and here came the ball. Ivan swung, and missed. “Strike one!” called the umpire. Ivan kicked at the dirt, and got ready for the next pitch. The pitch came, and it was a hit! Right past the second baseman. What probably happened next?

A. The pitcher caught the ball.
B. The third baseman caught the ball.
C. Ivan ran toward first base.
D. The umpire called, “Strike two!”

A. Nico and Danny watched television.  
B. Nico and Danny went home.  
C. Nico and Danny practiced their soccer kicks.  
D. Nico and Danny rode bikes.

4. Everyone was having fun at the magic show. Then the magician said, “I need a volunteer for this next amazing act of magic.” Lots of kids jumped up and raised their hands. The magician pointed to Cindy. “You, there,” he said. What probably happened next?

A. Cindy went up on the stage.  
B. Cindy sat back down.  
C. The magician took a bow.  
D. The magician pulled a rabbit out of a hat.

Read this story event, and write your prediction of what happened next.

5. Jenny followed her mom to the kids section of the clothing store. Her mom started looking through a rack of jackets. There were jackets of all colors and sizes. Jenny’s mom held up a pink one. “How about this one?” she said. “Let’s see if it fits.”

What probably happened next?
Answer Key

1. D
2. C
3. C
4. A
5. Accept any reasonable response.