Making a Prediction

Predicting is the process of telling in advance what is going to happen in the future, often using information you already have.

You use prediction when you

- foretell how a movie is going to end

- foretell how you did on an exam

- foretell how your parents will react to something

What are some other situations when you might use the skill of prediction?

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Cluster Question: What are the possible consequences of our decisions?

Directions: Fortune-tellers are in the business of making predictions. Sometimes their predictions are very general and can, therefore, apply to anyone. Sometimes, however, fortune-tellers base their predictions on things they already know. In the course of talking to you, a fortune-teller might discover that you really like school. The fortune-teller might predict, then, that you will be very successful in school and will go on to college—a safe prediction since students who like school are generally successful there and want to continue their education.

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In this activity, you will be the fortune-teller—you will make a prediction for a character in Cluster One or Two. You will base your prediction on information you already know about the character. Begin by reading the example on the following screens. Notice how one reader made a prediction for Holly in "TLA." On a piece of paper, make your own prediction for another character (or make a different prediction for Holly). Remember, your prediction must be based on information you learned about the character as you read the selection.

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Selection: "TLA"

Character: Holly

Prediction: Holly will go on to attend the college 700 miles away that offered her a scholarship. She will do well in school and will be successful in her career. Holly will go on with her life, but she will never forget Jake and will be reminded of him each spring when the honeysuckle blooms.

Information on which prediction is based: Jake dies and Holly no longer feels obligated to attend the local university. Holly is voted Most Likely to Succeed in high school and is offered a scholarship. Even though grieving and in physical pain, Holly makes up her work and graduates with her class. Holly makes the decision to go on with her life despite Jake's death, but she tells Jake that she will never leave him "as long as there is honeysuckle."

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Directions: Now, make your own prediction for another character. Remember, your prediction must be based on information you learned about the character as you read the selection.

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(Your Response)

Selection: _____

Character: _____

Prediction: _____

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Information on which the prediction is based: _____

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