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FOCUS on

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To the Student

In *FOCUS on Making Predictions, Book F*, you will read passages and answer questions. You will practise using the reading strategy called *Making Predictions*. You will learn about the strategy on the Learn About pages. You will see a sample passage, sample questions and sample answer choices on the Lesson Preview pages. Then you will practise using the strategy in twenty lessons.

Each lesson has a passage and five questions. After you finish reading the passage, answer the five questions. For the first four questions, fill in the correct answers on the Answer Form on page 53. Or, you may fill in the correct answers directly on the page. For the fifth question, write the answer on the lines provided on the page. Fill in the circle on the Answer Form to show that you have completed the fifth question.

Use the Tracking Chart on page 47 to show when you have finished each lesson and to show the number of questions that you answered correctly. After each group of five lessons, you will complete a self-assessment to see how you are doing.

So . . . FOCUS and enjoy!

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Learn About

Making Predictions

When you make a prediction, you make a good guess about what might happen next or in the future. To make a prediction, think about clues in the reading passage. Also think about what you already know about the clues and about other things in the passage. Then make your best guess about what might happen next.

Read this story about Deanna and her dog. As you read, think about what might happen next. Look for clues in the story and think about what you already know.

GET THE KEYS, BINGO!

Deanna has a little dog with a big name. She calls him Bingo Fetch-N-Go or Bingo for short. She is training him to fetch and retrieve, which simply means to go get something and bring it back. Deanna and Bingo are practising fetch and retrieve with her mum's car keys.



"Fetch, Bingo," commanded Deanna. "Bring the keys". The fuzzy little brown-and-white dog trotted off and soon returned to Deanna, carrying the keys gently in his mouth. "Good dog," Deanna said as she patted his head and praised him. "Now let's go for a walk".

As they walked along the street together, they spotted Mr Martin standing by his car. "I accidentally locked my keys inside the car," complained Mr Martin, "and now I can't open the doors and get inside to get the keys".

Deanna noticed that the back window of the car was open a little bit. It was impossible to reach through to the front to get the keys or to reach in and unlock the back door. But, for a little dog who liked to fetch, it was just wide enough. "I think we can help, Mr Martin," said Deanna. "Are you ready, Bingo?"

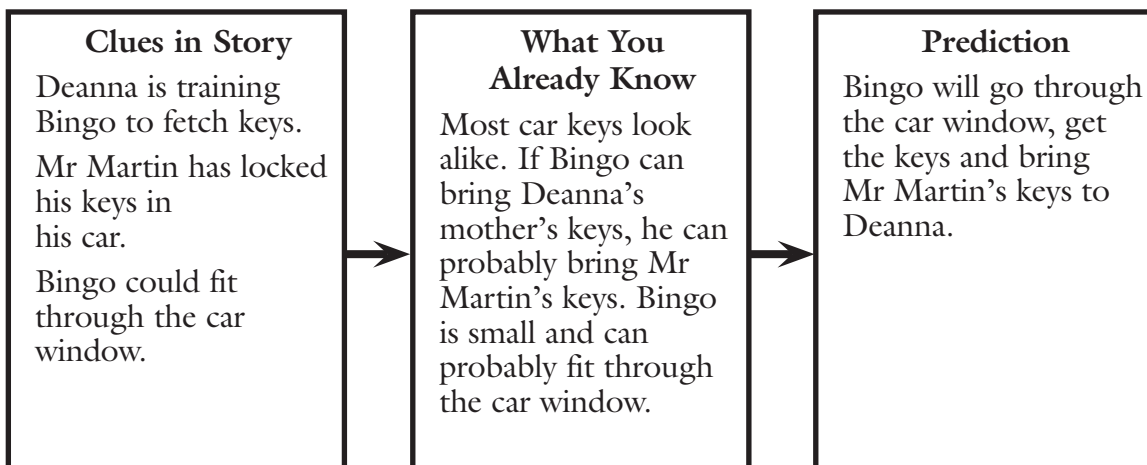
Think about what you have read. What clues in the story gave hints that can help you make a prediction? Remember that clues may be in the title of a story. Re-read the title of this story. What does it tell you? It tells you that the story is about Bingo getting some keys. How and where will Bingo get the keys?

Clues may also be in pictures. What clues can you get from the picture in this story? The picture shows a little dog being held up by his owner. The dog is looking eagerly into a car window that is partially open. Is this a hint to where Bingo might go to get keys?

Think about other clues that might help you make a prediction about Bingo and the keys. Clues are often in the details, which tell you who, what, when, where, why or how. In this story, think about how Deanna is training Bingo to fetch keys. These details can help you make a prediction about what will happen next in the story.

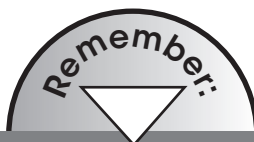
Think about what you already know. The story tells you that Deanna is training Bingo to fetch and retrieve. You probably know that dogs like to go after balls or toys and to carry things in their mouths. The story also tells you that Deanna is having Bingo practise fetching with her mother's car keys. You probably already know that most sets of car keys are somewhat alike.

Now think about all the clues in the story and what you already know. Predict what will happen next in the story.



Based on clues in the story and what you already know, you were able to predict that Deanna will have Bingo fetch Mr Martin's car keys.

Details in nonfiction passages can also help you make predictions. These kinds of details often tell you who, what, when, where, why or how.



When you make a prediction, you make an educated guess about what might happen next or in the future.

Lesson

Preview

Read this sample story about Robert and his two companions. As you read, think about what might happen next. Look for clues and think about what you already know.

Robert and Arlo Go Home

Robert lived by a bay in Queensland, and behind Robert's house was a small inlet that extended into the water of the bay. Robert frequently swam in the bay, but he rarely travelled far from the inlet. This summer, however, Robert had two visitors, Arlo and Taka, who loved to swim with him. Arlo and Taka were two dolphins and they became great companions for Robert. Robert even learned how to hold onto Arlo's fin so that Arlo could pull him along. If Robert and the dolphins accidentally swam too far from the inlet, Robert would say, "Take me home, Arlo," and Arlo would pull Robert toward the inlet.

One day, Robert walked the long way around the inlet to meet his friends at the local park. When it was time to leave, Robert didn't want to walk the long way home. It was a much shorter distance to go straight across the water of the bay. Robert started swimming.

When he was only halfway across, Robert started to get tired. Now he wished he was walking instead of swimming. All of a sudden, Robert looked up and there were Arlo and Taka swimming near him. As dolphins do, they were chirping, splashing and smiling big dolphin grins. Robert smiled, too, because now it didn't matter that he was tired. "Take me home, Arlo," called Robert.



1. What will Robert and Arlo probably do next?

- Ⓐ Robert will take Arlo back to the park.
- Ⓑ Robert will hold onto Arlo's fin and Arlo will swim to the inlet near Robert's home.
- Ⓒ Robert will swim back and forth between Arlo and Taka while the dolphins splash in the water.
- Ⓓ Robert will be afraid and will swim away from Arlo and Taka.

2. Which clue helped you make this prediction?

- Ⓐ Robert's friends were at the park.
- Ⓑ Arlo and Taka were great companions for Robert.
- Ⓒ Before when Robert would say, "Take me home, Arlo," the dolphin would pull Robert to the inlet near his home.
- Ⓓ It was a short distance to walk home and a longer distance to swim across the bay.

*Look at the answer choices for each question.
Read why each answer choice is correct or
not correct.*

1. What will Robert and Arlo probably do next?

- Ⓐ Robert will take Arlo back to the park.

This answer is not correct because Robert was on his way home and would not want to go back to the park.

- Robert will hold onto Arlo's fin and Arlo will swim to the inlet near Robert's home.

This answer is correct because Robert was trying to swim home but was tired and would want help getting home.

- Ⓒ Robert will swim back and forth between Arlo and Taka while the dolphins splash in the water.

This answer is not correct because Robert was tired.

- Ⓓ Robert will be afraid and will swim away from Arlo and Taka.

This answer is not correct because Robert smiled when he saw Arlo and Taka and the three were great companions.

2. Which clue helped you make this prediction?

- Ⓐ Robert's friends were at the park.

This answer is not correct because it does not tell you what Robert and Arlo will do next.

- Ⓑ Arlo and Taka were great companions for Robert.

This answer is not correct. Although the three were companions, that doesn't give specific information about what Arlo and Robert will do next.

- Before when Robert would say, "Take me home, Arlo", the dolphin would pull Robert to the inlet near his home.

This answer is correct. Robert became tired, and when he saw Arlo he smiled and said, "Take me home, Arlo", which Arlo would probably do because he had done so in the past.

- Ⓓ It was a short distance to walk home and a longer distance to swim across the bay.

This answer is not correct because the story says it is shorter for Robert to swim the bay. Also, this answer does not mention Arlo and does not indicate what Robert and Arlo will do next.