

Name _____



Next Step Blanks

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Use clues from the passage to **predict what is likely to happen next** and fill in the blanks. Your predictions should make logical sense based on what you already know about the characters, setting, or situation. Reread the passage after completing it to check if your predictions create a smooth story.

The Science Fair Project

Liam had been working on his science fair project for three weeks. He carefully built a model volcano, painting it to look realistic and adding small labels to explain the process. On the morning of the fair, he noticed that his vinegar bottle was almost empty. He frowned, knowing that without enough vinegar, his volcano (1) _____.

At school, Liam carried the project into the gym where dozens of other projects were already set up. He looked around nervously, seeing polished posters and detailed experiments. When it was time for judging, he poured the last drops of vinegar into the container. His volcano fizzed, but only a little. The judges leaned in curiously, waiting for more. Liam realized he needed to act quickly. He whispered to his partner, "If we can borrow vinegar from another group, then our project (2) _____."

The judges nodded, still writing notes. Liam glanced toward the table across the aisle, where another group was finishing their demonstration. He took a deep breath, ready to ask. Everyone knew that what happened next (3) _____.