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Story Snapshot Challenge

Read the **title and first sentence only**. **Make a prediction** about what will happen in the story. Then, read the full story and compare your prediction. In the **After Reading** section, explain whether your prediction was correct or what surprised you.



Story : “The Science Fair Switch-Up”

Before Reading (Title + First Sentence Only):

Title: The Science Fair Switch-Up

First Sentence: “Tara double-checked her project board one last time before heading to school.”

Before-Reading Prediction: What do you think will happen in this story?

Read the Full Passage:

Tara had worked on her volcano project for three weeks straight. As she walked into the gym for the science fair, she proudly set up her board and baking soda mixture. But when the judges came around, something strange happened—her volcano erupted before she touched it.

Confused, Tara opened the top and found... jelly beans. Someone had switched her volcano for a candy model! She looked around and spotted her best friend Max stifling laughter. “Surprise,” he said, “I built the real one. We’re partners now—check the signup sheet.”

Tara rolled her eyes but couldn’t help smiling.

After-Reading Reflection: Was your prediction correct? What surprised you?
