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## The Unexpected Twist Sample Answers

These are free response questions that can be taken in any direction, but here are example responses for you:

These responses model both prediction and story development skills, encouraging students to blend inference with imagination.

### Sample Answer for Comic Strip #1: “The Lunchbox Switch”

When Mia opens the lunchbox, she’s expecting her usual sandwich and fruit—but instead, she finds a bunch of metal parts, wires, and blinking lights. There’s even a small instruction booklet titled “Activate Phase One.” She stares at it in confusion while her friends look over her shoulder. It turns out the identical lunchbox belonged to someone in the robotics club who was working on a secret project. Now Mia has to figure out how to return it without accidentally activating whatever is inside. I think this will lead to a funny or mysterious moment in the story.

### Sample Answer for Comic Strip #2: “The Power Button”

As soon as the kid presses the glowing button, everything in the room floats into the air—including the bed, books, and even the cat. The kid starts to float too, arms flailing in surprise. They realize the remote must control gravity or space somehow. Outside the window, birds are flying upside down, and a neighbor's car starts slowly rising off the ground. The kid panics and tries to press the button again, but it doesn’t work right away. This sets up a sci-fi story where the kid has to figure out how to fix the world before things get out of control.