

Name _____

What Happens Next?

Instructions - Each "Story Snapshot" below is a short scene from a larger story. Read each one carefully and use the clues to predict what most likely happens next. Write your answer in 1–2 sentences.



Story Snapshots

1. The Balloon - Ella let go of the string too late. The red balloon jerked upward, bobbing in the breeze. She reached for it-too late. What happens next?

2. The Locker - Jamal stared at his locker, eyes wide. Someone had scratched something into the paint-something that looked a lot like his name. What happens next?

3. The Empty Stage - The curtain opened. The audience clapped. But the spotlight revealed only an empty stage. Backstage, Olivia froze as the stage manager gave her a frantic wave. What happens next?

4. The Storm - Thunder cracked. Zoe looked at the gray sky, then at her picnic blanket already fluttering in the wind. She grabbed the basket and shouted to her little brother. What happens next?

5. The Backpack - Kevin opened his backpack and stopped. The sandwich was gone. In its place was a crumpled note with one word: "Thanks." What happens next?