



Improving Your Reading Skills with...

Predicting Pip



What Does Predicting Pip Do?

Predictive Pip helps with content domain **1e**:

Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.

This means that she is there to help you to see into the future.

She will try to help you to work out what might happen next based on what you have already read and what you know about that type of text.



When Have We Seen Predicting Pip?

There has only been one Predicting Pip question in three years worth of SATs papers. It was:

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out more.



The 'Most Likely' Question

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This question will usually come towards the end of the paper. It will ask you to think about what you have read and choose the sentence which is most likely to happen next. In this case, it is asking what you think the child is most likely to say next based on what has happened.



What Might Predicting Pip Ask?

Predicting Pip might ask questions like these:

- What do you think will happen next?
- What do you think the character will say in reply to that?
- What do you think that this book will be about?
- How do you think the story will end?
- Do you think that this story will end in the same way as another story you know?
- Draw what you think might happen next.

Let's Explore **Predicting Pip** Questions Together

Read these pages from *Starry-Eyed Stan* and answer the questions as a class.

Click on the image to read the text.



Read the rest of the *Starry-Eyed Stan* story [here](#).

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Read the extract from *Starry-Eyed Stan* and answer the questions as a class.

What do you think Lancelot is going to say?

Which of these are the eels most likely to do next? Tick **one**.

- stand up to Lancelot
- run away from Lancelot
- sing with Starry-Eyed Stan
- play together in front of the stage

How do you think the story will end?

The next day, Stan was singing
to an audience of eels,

When his show was interrupted
by some not-too-distant squeals.



Then suddenly, there came a noise; a

click!

and then a

clack!



And everybody knew
that grumpy Lancelot was back!



Summing Up Predicting Pip

Prove your understanding of what Predicting Pip does by answering the following questions:

- What does Predicting Pip help you to do?
- What sort of question might Predicting Pip ask?
- What is the trickiest thing about Predicting Pip questions?





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