



Predicting the likely development of the text



When do we need to predict the likely development of the passage?

- when the writer does not indicate directly what happens later in the passage

How do we predict the development?

- use personal experience or knowledge to make a relevant, logical guess
- pay attention to details which give us hints about the most possible consequences

Let's look closer!

Leo: Free running is safer than it seems. Runners can do the sport in a safe environment. In fact, there are a lot of advantages doing free running, such as building runners' confidence through conquering fear.

Tom: There are many different sports to train players' minds. I find it hard to understand why they jeopardise their own safety for a little thrill.

Multiple choice

e.g. Leo is going to reply to Tom. What would Leo probably talk about?

- A. the record of recent injuries and deaths related to free running
(As a supporter of free running, Leo will not cite statistics against his stance.)
- B. the benefits specific to extreme sports
(Leo has mentioned one of the advantages of free running. He will probably explain the benefits of other extreme sports to let Tom know why people prefer extreme sports over regular sports.)
- C. the most often practised extreme sports in town
(The popularity of extreme sports is irrelevant to concerns over the safety of doing them.)
- D. the information on how sports affect mental health
(Although Tom has acknowledged that extreme sports can train players' minds, he does not understand why they put themselves in dangerous situations. Tom argues that there are other safe options. Mentioning the influence of sports on mental health does not address the safety issue.)

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Putting the steak on the grill, Nigel threw the potato cubes into a frying pan and cooked them until they turned brown. He then put the cubes in the oven at 200 degrees Celsius. 20 minutes later, he took the steak off the grill and was about to take the potatoes out of the oven. Forgetting to put on an oven mitt, he pulled out the oven rack with his bare hands ...

Long question

e.g. What might have happened next?

Nigel burnt his hands.

(Based on personal experience or knowledge, people would burn their hands if they handle an oven rack at 200 degrees Celcius with their bare hands.)

Let's practise!

Jessie made a big decision after getting released from her singer contract. She wished to return to school after ten years of her singing career. The singer mustered up the courage to leave her successful career and plunged into the unknown—to build her own catering business. She decided to study culinary arts in Switzerland. She hoped that her fans would back her up as she was pursuing her passion.

Multiple choice

① What would Jessie most probably do first after the contract ended?

- A. renew her contract
- B. start a restaurant
- C. learn cooking
- D. pursue a career in education

A B C D

Sam adores all superhero comics, Batman in particular. Perry, a buddy of Sam's, also loves Batman. The two friends enjoy discussing how the superhero gets his powers and how he controls them. Sam usually goes to Perry's home for comic books and video games of Batman—Sam's mother respects his hobbies, yet she cannot afford to spend money on them. One day, Sam saw his neighbour walking her dog in the park. While chatting with Sam, the neighbour said, 'I wish I had more time to walk my dog. It enjoys walks very much. I've been considering dog walking services.'

Long question

② What would the next paragraph be about?

Exam Booster

It seems that many employers are under the impression that workers slack on their jobs. My employer thinks along the same lines. While putting up with the distrust in the workplace, I can see that overworking would harm productivity. In fact, studies have found that breaks can boost productivity.

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① What would the next paragraph be about?
