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Foreshadow: Mufasa will die and watch his son from the sky.

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Foreshadow: Fred is in some kind of trouble.

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Foreshadow: She won't make it home safely.

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Practice Foreshadowing & Predicting Outcomes

1. Jeremy's mother had written "Jeremy has football practice on Mondays and Fridays" across the calendar. Jeremy didn't want to tell her that he had been kicked off the team, but he had to find a way to let her know. He reached for the eraser.

What prediction can you make?

- a. Jeremy's mother will erase the message about practice.
 - b. Jeremy will write a note to his mother.
 - c. Jeremy will erase the message about practice.
2. "If this warm weather continues, the flowers in our garden will start to bloom as though it's spring instead of winter," Maria's mother said. That night, the weatherman announced that the strange weather pattern was ending.

What prediction can you make?

- a. Maria will water the garden.
 - b. Maria's mother will not listen to the weather anymore.
 - c. The flowers will not bloom.
3. Annie knew the answer to the teacher's question, but she disliked speaking in class. She sat, silent and immobile, hoping that the teacher wouldn't call on her. All the other students had their hands in the air, but the teacher's attention was on Annie.

What prediction can you make?

- a. The teacher will call on Annie.
 - b. Annie will raise her hand.
 - c. No one will respond to the teacher's question.
4. Although he had important homework, Michael agreed to babysit. "The baby will probably nap the entire time," his mother whispered. After she left, Michael crept upstairs to get his books. Coming downstairs, he lost his footing and the books crashed to the ground.

What prediction can you make?

- a. The baby will wake up.
 - b. Michael will get his homework done.
 - c. Michael's mother will hear the crash and come home.
5. James peered up at Susanna as she clambered up the tree. She was so high that he felt dizzy just watching her. He had never tolerated heights well. "Come on," Susanna encouraged him. "It's perfectly safe." As she spoke, she lost her footing and nearly fell. James pleaded, "Come down!"

What prediction can you make?

- a. Susanna will get seriously hurt.
- b. James and Susanna will build a treehouse in this tree.
- c. James will not climb the tree.