Draw Conclusions and Make Predictions
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**Instructions: Read each question carefully and select the correct answer.**

 **1.** Read the story carefully and then answer the question that follows.

 Phil and Dianne are best friends, but they are very different. Phil is very curious and adventuresome, while Dianne is more reserved. The two friends rarely agree on anything, but they love to play together. One weekend, Phil and Dianne went for a walk in the woods. While they were walking, they noticed a big, fat skunk followed by a little baby skunk. The two skunks waddled past them and into a big bush.
 "Did you see those skunks?" asked Phil. "They must live in that bush. Let's go see what they're doing."
 Dianne replied, "I don't think that's a very smart idea. Adult skunks are very protective of their young. If you get within ten feet of that baby skunk, the parents will come out and spray you with a foul smelling liquid. The smell can stay on you for days."
 "Come on. We'll be real quiet," Phil said with determination.
 "I'm not going near that bush. If you want to go look, you are on your own." Dianne said defiantly.
 Phil shrugged his shoulders and headed toward the bush. When he was about five feet away from it, the adult skunk appeared.

What do you predict will happen next?

 **A.** Dianne will come in for a closer look at the skunk.

 **B.** The skunk will spray Phil.

 **C.** The skunk will spray Dianne.

 **D.** Dianne will go stand next to Phil.

 **2.** Read the story carefully and then answer the question that follows.

 Last winter was the coldest on record. We were all fooled because the summer was so hot, and the fall was beautiful. At the time, no one would have guessed that we'd receive eight feet of snow before January!
 By the end of the winter, my friends and I didn't care if we ever saw another snowfall. Prior to that winter, we always hoped for a lot of snow so that we could go snowboarding and sledding, have snowball fights, and build snowmen. Last winter cured us of that. By February, none of us even wanted to leave the house.
 The worst thing about last winter was the number of snow days we had off from school. When spring finally arrived, we were responsible for making up fourteen days. That meant we had to go to school until early July!
 This morning while I was watching the news, the meteorologist warned that it looked to be a repeat of last year's weather pattern. We had record warm temperatures in the summer, and fall had again been beautiful.

What do you predict the weather will be like this winter?

 **A.** warm

 **B.** harsh

 **C.** mild

 **D.** cold, but less snow

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Which of the following themes is not represented in this passage?

 **A.** exploration

 **B.** compassion

 **C.** danger of curiosity

 **D.** friendship

 **4.** Read the story carefully and then answer the question that follows.

 Latisha got a gift certificate to the local pet store for her birthday. She was so happy! Now she could pick out exactly what she wanted: two chameleons.
 She went to the store and purchased two tanks and two vibrant green chameleons. The pet store owner gave her instructions for the chameleons. "Now remember," she told Latisha, "keep the chameleons in the separate tanks at all times. Male chameleons don't get along with one another."
 "Yeah, OK," Latisha quickly replied over her shoulder as she made her way out of the pet store.
 Latisha's mom greeted her at the door at home and helped her carry in the chameleons and the supplies.
 "Did you get any special instructions about the chameleons?"
 "Nah, not really."
 Two weeks had passed and it was the day before Latisha's brother Tim's birthday. She had hoped to save some money and get him a nice present. She emptied out her piggy bank where she kept all of her money.
 Latisha sighed, "Six dollars. Uh oh." Then her eyes brightened. "I've got an idea!"
 Once again, Latisha walked down to the pet store.
 "I'll take that salamander and a bag of crickets."
 The woman handed over the cricket bag and the salamander in a box with holes punched in the top. "OK, so far your total is $5.50. Now all you need is a tank. Which one would you like?" asked the saleswoman.
 "Oh, I don't need a tank," replied Latisha.

Which of the following clues helps in predicting what will happen next?

 **A.** Latisha wanted to buy a gift for her brother.

 **B.** Latisha bought two chameleons.

 **C.** Latisha didn't pay close attention to the store owner's directions.

 **D.** Latisha took the salamander home in a box.