

What Happens Next?

In this text, two children sneak off to the park at night.

The lengthy summer evenings were dragging on, and Matt and Simone were bored. In search of a thrill, they decided to sneak out to the park in the middle of the night. They crept out of their parents' house with ease, but then they faced an unexpected challenge — the towering park gates were locked.

"I can't climb those railings," Matt said hesitantly. "They look really high!"

"It'll be fine," Simone replied impatiently. "Come on!" And with that, she grasped the railings and hauled herself up to the top. Matt could see it had taken all her strength to do it, and he was certain he couldn't do the same.

"Simone, please get down," he said anxiously. "We should have arrived an hour ago when the gates were still open."

"But we wanted some excitement, and here it is!" said Simone crossly. "Why do you have to be so worried all the time?" She frowned as she perched effortlessly on top of the narrow iron rails. "So, are you coming or not?"

"Don't leave me alone!" wailed Matt, his knuckles white as he clung to the bars.

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What do you think Matt would do differently if they decided to go to the park again? Use information from the text to support your answer.

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Do you think Simone will leave Matt and go into the park by herself? Use information from the text to support your answer.

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This text is about a new road being opened in a town.

Oakston Road opens this week

The mayor will officially open the newly completed Oakston Road on Friday. The new route circles around the town, meaning fewer cars driving through the centre.

Brian Hutchins, who has been campaigning for a new road for the past ten years, gave us his reaction: "Severe traffic jams have been a regular problem for us in the past," he said. "Fewer cars in Oakston means less pollution and less noise. I'm glad all the time and effort I've put in has been worth it. I'm not sure what to do with myself now though! My friends say I should have a rest, but I like to keep busy. And there are plenty of other good causes, aren't there?"

Not all residents are pleased with the construction of the road. Local business owners have complained that it will cause them to lose customers.

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What do you think Brian Hutchins will do next?
Use information from the text to support your answer.

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Based on the text, do you think the road will make things better or worse? Tick **one** box.

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Give reasons from the text to support your answer.

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"I can predict what will happen next based on information in the text."

