
Maddy watched her father guide the oxen across the river. Her father looked tense, but the oxen calmly pulled the wagon through the water. Afterward, her father said, "The oxen remained calm because they've crossed many rivers. But that was my first crossing."

What prediction can you make?

- a) The oxen will panic at the next crossing.
- b) Maddy's father will ask her to guide the oxen.
- c) Maddy's father will be less tense at the next crossing.

Towns were vital to the journey West, because pioneers needed to purchase supplies. A trip into town could also be entertaining, so some pioneers wanted to extend their stay. Others wanted to get back on the road West. Conflicting desires such as these could cause arguments.

What prediction can you make?

- a) To avoid arguments, pioneers did not stop at towns.
- b) Pioneers tried to resolve conflicts.
- c) Towns stopped providing supplies for pioneers.

Emma had saved enough money to purchase one expensive saltwater fish, but the pet shop owner said that a single fish would get lonely. Emma didn't like the sound of that. She saw some freshwater fish that were almost as pretty as the saltwater ones. The freshwater fish cost less, too.

What prediction can you make?

- a) Emma will buy one freshwater fish.
- b) Emma will buy several freshwater fish.
- c) Emma will buy one saltwater fish.

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