

**Foreshadowing** is hints about **future event in text**.

► **Foreshadowing** is hinted through characters **actions**, **words**, and **setting**.

	Foreshadowing in Literature (text)	Future events in text
action	<b>After getting up late, tripping on his slippers, and spilling milk in the kitchen,</b> Jack didn't look forward to the rest of his day.	Jack experiences a series of bad events throughout the story.
words	"Walk straight through the woods and back. <b>Do not go off the path, and be careful of the Big, Bad Wolf!</b> " - Little Red Riding Hood	Red Riding Hood goes off the path and meets up with the Big, Bad Wolf later in the story.
setting	<b>It was a dark and stormy night.</b> Meg shivered as she looked at her family through the window.	The bad weather is a sign of bad things to come for Meg and her family later in the story.

### CFU

Which is an example of foreshadowing? Explain.

- A** Mark kept stuffing his face with every sweet he could get his hand on. His stomach growled in protest.
- B** Mark ate a piece of cake and drank a glass of milk.

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- A** "Don't go into the room on the left," yelled grandma. She thought about the raccoon that made its home in there.
- B** "Lets go to the store and get ice cream," said grandma.

Which is an example of foreshadowing? Explain.

- A** Lets go play in the park. It is a sunny day.
- B** The fog made it hard to see the road ahead. James was hesitant to keep driving forward.

In your own words, what is foreshadowing?

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- 2 Read the passage.
- 3 Identify foreshadowing that supports the future event(s). (underline)
- 4 Answer the question.

### Dracula

adapted from Dracula by Bram Stoker

<sup>1</sup> “What manner of man is the Count, or what manner of creature is it that looks like a man?,” thought the news reporter. <sup>2</sup>She felt dread overpower her as she approached the manner.

<sup>3</sup> “I must take action while the courage of the day is upon me. <sup>4</sup>I have not yet seen the Count in the daylight. <sup>5</sup>Can it be that he sleeps when others wake. <sup>6</sup>If I could only get into his room,” wrote the news reporter on her notepad.

<sup>7</sup>Once in his room, she raised the lid of the coffin in which he slept. <sup>8</sup>There she saw something which filled her very soul with horror. <sup>9</sup>There lay the Count looking as if his youth had been half restored. <sup>12</sup>On his lips and trickling down his chin was something that resembled of blood.

#### 1. What event(s) foreshadows the Count being a monster? (Select all that apply)

- A The news reporter questioning if the Count is man or creature.
- B The news reporter approaching the manner and feeling dread.
- C The Count sleeping in a coffin.
- D The Count had something that looked like blood on lips and chin.

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### Coming Home

<sup>1</sup>Emma was driving home from school across the country. <sup>2</sup>When she stopped for gas, she noticed the chips were trembling as she handed the clerk her credit card.

<sup>3</sup>"Too much caffeine," she thought.

<sup>4</sup>As she walked to her car, she noticed the trees were shaking.

<sup>5</sup>"Strange, there is no wind," she murmured.

<sup>6</sup>Soon she was home and in her old bed. <sup>7</sup>Suddenly, she was jolted awake by violent shaking! <sup>8</sup>She jumped out of bed and huddled under her desk.

### 2. What event(s) foreshadows there is going to be an earthquake? (Select all that apply)

- A Emma noticing snacks at the gas station trembling.
- B The clerk charging Emma's credit card
- C Emma seeing trees shaking outside.
- D Emma scared awake by aggressive shaking of her room.

**Skill Closure**

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**from Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll**

<sup>1</sup>“Would you tell me,” said Alice, “why you are painting those roses?”

<sup>2</sup>“Why the fact is, you see, Miss,” said card 5, “this here ought to have been a RED rose-tree, and we put a white one in by mistake; and if the Queen was to find it out, we should all have our heads cut off, you know. <sup>4</sup>So you see, Miss, we’re doing our best, afore she comes, to-”

<sup>5</sup>At this moment, ... There was a sound of many footsteps, and Alice looked round, eager to see the what was coming.

**1. What event(s) foreshadows the arrival of the queen?**

- A** Alice asking why the cards were painting the roses.
- B** The cards are painting the roses red.
- C** The sound of many footsteps coming towards Alice and the cards .
- D** The cards worrying if the queen will find out they made a mistake.

**Concept Closure****Write an explanation.**

Jack thinks that foreshadowing can only be expressed through character actions. Is he correct?

**Summary Closure**

**What did you learn today about identifying foreshadowing in literature?**

**Word Bank**

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literature  
identify  
hints  
future

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**from *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum**

<sup>1</sup>Dorothy lived in the great Kansas prairies, with Uncle Henry, who was a farmer, and Aunt Em, his wife. <sup>2</sup>Their house was small, with only one room. <sup>3</sup>There was no basement--except a small hole dug in the ground, called a cyclone cellar, where the family could go in case one of those great whirlwinds arose.

<sup>4</sup>From the far north they heard a low wail of the wind, and Uncle Henry and Dorothy could see where the long grass was waving before the coming storm. <sup>5</sup>Next came a sharp whistling from the south, and they saw ripples in the grass coming from that direction also.

<sup>6</sup>Suddenly Uncle Henry stood up. <sup>7</sup>"Quick, Dorothy!" Auntie Em screamed. <sup>8</sup>"Run for the cellar!"

**1. What event(s) foreshadows there will be a cyclone?**

- A The description of the great, Kansas prairie.
- B Their house was small with only one room.
- C The description of the cyclone cellar.
- D Uncle Henry was a farmer.



## Listening

Listen to the passage read aloud.  
Identify any event(s) foreshadowing the necklace will go missing.

Foreshadowing hints of that event:



## Reading

**Read the passage.**

Fill in the blanks with words that foreshadow the event at the end.

about his waist

cause to doubt

uncovered building stone

vowed revenge

too surprised

smile in his face

**from The Cask of Amontillado** by Edgar Allan Poe

<sup>1</sup>The thousand injuries of Fortunato I had borne as I best could, but when he started the insults I \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>2</sup>I never gave him \_\_\_\_\_my good will. <sup>3</sup>I continued to \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>4</sup>One evening I met my friend, and we went to my palazzo.

<sup>5</sup>We walked through several rooms to the wine vaults then down a long, winding staircase till we reached the damp ground of the catacombs. <sup>6</sup>At the end of the crypt there was a smaller room.

<sup>7</sup>Its walls had been lined with human bones.

<sup>8</sup>There on the rock wall were two iron rings, about two feet apart. <sup>10</sup>From one of hung a short chain, from the other a lock. <sup>11</sup>Throwing the links \_\_\_\_\_, I soon locked it. <sup>12</sup>He was \_\_\_\_\_ to resist.

<sup>13</sup>Throwing the pile of bones aside, I \_\_\_\_\_ and mortar. <sup>14</sup>Then I began to wall up the entrance of the crypt.

<sup>15</sup>Soon I forced the last stone into its position and plastered it up.



## Writing

### Write an explanation.

Read the passage. Then, explain what the big event at the end is. Next, explain any foreshadowing that hints at this ending.

#### From *The Gift of the Magi* by O'Henry

<sup>1</sup>Della and Jim had two possessions they were proud of. <sup>2</sup>One was Jim's gold watch. <sup>3</sup>The other was Della's long hair.

<sup>4</sup>Tomorrow was Christmas, and Della had only \$1.87 to buy Jim a present.

<sup>5</sup>Suddenly, she got an idea and went to a store where the sign read: "Hair Goods of All Kinds." <sup>6</sup>There they gave her twenty dollars for her hair. <sup>7</sup>Then, she went looking for Jim's present. <sup>8</sup>She found a platinum chain, worthy of Jim's gold pocket-watch. <sup>9</sup>She wrapped the chain and waited for Jim to get home. <sup>10</sup>He stopped inside the door, immovable, staring at her fixedly. <sup>11</sup>Then, he hugged his Della, and took a package from his pocket and threw it on the table.

<sup>12</sup>"Don't make any mistake, Dell," he said. <sup>13</sup>"No haircut could make me like you any less. <sup>14</sup>But if you'll unwrap that package you may see why you shocked me." <sup>15</sup>Her fingers tore it open, and she screamed for joy. <sup>16</sup>For there lay the set of combs Della had wanted for so long. <sup>17</sup>Beautiful combs to wear in her beautiful vanished hair.

<sup>18</sup>Jim had not yet seen his present. <sup>19</sup>When he opened it, the precious metal seemed to reflect her bright spirit. <sup>20</sup>With a strange smile, Jim sat down on the couch. <sup>21</sup>"Dell," said he, "I sold my watch to get the money to buy your combs."

### 1. Main event at end of story:

### 2. Foreshadowing hints of that event: