

**C****PREDICTING OUTCOMES**

Read the passage. Then read each question and fill in the circle next to the best answer.

“Why do I have to spend my whole Saturday doing *this*?” Jaime complained to his father. The sun felt hot on his back. The hammer was heavy in his hand. He wished he were at City Park, swimming with his friends.

Jaime’s father climbed down from the ladder. “Look, son, we’ve been over this. Mr. Polanco’s house needs repairs,” he said, nodding toward a man sitting in the shade a few yards away. “He’s old and he can’t do this kind of work. We help each other in this neighborhood, Jaime. And now you’re old enough to help too.”

“But I’m tired, Dad,” Jaime said, squinting in the baking sun.

“Then take a break,” said his father. “Go sit in the shade.”

Jaime uncapped a canteen and took a long drink of water. Then he found a spot near Mr. Polanco. The cool grass made him sleepy.

“It’s not easy working in the hot sun, is it?”

Jaime looked over at Mr. Polanco and shook his head.

“You know, in this neighborhood, we have a long tradition of helping each other.” He smiled. “I’ve known your dad since he was your age. When his father died, we helped your grandmother. Now your dad and you are helping me. I thank you for being part of this tradition.”

Jaime wasn’t sure what to say to the old man, so he just smiled back. He hoped Mr. Polanco hadn’t heard him complaining to his father. “Well,” Jaime said finally, “I’d better get back to work.” He took another drink of water, grabbed his hammer, and stood up. As he walked toward the house, he noticed that the hammer didn’t feel so heavy anymore.

**Go on**



1. What do you think Jaime will do next?
  - a. He will ask his father if he can leave to join his friends.
  - b. He will continue working on Mr. Polanco's house.
  - c. He will find another place to rest.
  - d. He will complain again to his father about working.
  
2. Which lesson from your own experience helps to tell you what Jaime will do next?
  - a. Old people know best.
  - b. On a hot day, stay out of the sun.
  - c. Never argue with your father.
  - d. It feels good to be part of a tradition.
  
3. Which will Jaime probably **not** do for the rest of the day?
  - a. talk to his father
  - b. talk to Mr. Polanco
  - c. complain about working
  - d. get a drink of water
  
4. What do you think Jaime's father will say to Jaime when the day's work is done?
  - a. "Next time, you can go swimming."
  - b. "You owe Mr. Polanco an apology."
  - c. "I'm proud of you, son."
  - d. "I'm tired of your complaining."
  
5. Which lesson from your own experience helps to tell you what Jaime will do the next time a neighbor needs help?
  - a. Don't volunteer for anything.
  - b. You're only young once, so live it up!
  - c. Helping people feels good.
  - d. Always obey your elders.

