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What's Next?

Read each passage below. What is about to happen? Write it on the line and explain your answer.

1. First John clenched his jaw; then he clenched his fists. Adrenalin coursed through his body. John glared into Terry's jeering, freckled face until it blurred. Terry shoved John's shoulder, and something inside John's head went, pop!

2. Kaylee frantically stirred the one pot on the stove, as the oven timer began to beep insistently. Just then, a second pot began to boil over, filling the room with steam. Oh, why had she boasted that she could cook dinner! She clamped a lid down on the boiling pot as the oven continued to beep at her. She just needed a minute! Suddenly smoke was pouring out of the oven.

3. Harry loitered nervously around the candy rack. When Mr. Wilson's attention was distracted by a customer at his register, Harry reached for one of the candy bars, but Mr. Wilson looked up and Harry dropped his hand again and took a few steps, as if he was having trouble making up his mind. Mr. Wilson turned back to the register. Now was Harry's chance.

4. The dog became excited and began to tug on the leash as they neared the house with all of the kittens in the yard. There were kittens on the deck, and on the old car propped up on cinderblocks in the driveway. The dog began to yelp, and jump forward, and Jim felt the leash slip right out of his hands.
