

Think Before You Act

Has anyone ever told you to “think before you act.” Have you ever thought about why this is important?

Joshua ran to the bus stop to go to school even though there were dark clouds in the sky he didn’t take a jacket or an umbrella. What do you think happened?

Shara’s mother told her to never put a wet glass on their new wooden table because it would leave a “ring” that wouldn’t come out. But Shara was drinking a glass of juice when she heard her phone and put the glass on the table while she went to get it. What do you think happened?

Jorge wanted to buy his mother her favorite perfume for her birthday. But whenever he got his allowance, he spent it on his collection of toy cars. Now it was just one week until his mother’s birthday and he only had two dollars saved up. What do you think happened?

Have you ever had a problem because you didn’t think ahead? Write what happened here:

You can learn to think ahead and avoid many problems if you can remember to do this. What would help you remember to think before you act?

Thinking ahead also takes some practice. See how you can think ahead to solve the maze on the next page.



Adrian needs to go home as quickly as he can to feed his dog Finn. But if he takes the wrong path it will take him longer. Draw the quickest path to help Bobby get home. Look ahead and try to avoid any paths that lead to a dead end.

