

What happens next? eight still-frame prompt cards

Pupil cards and task

Audience: Year 9 English and Media pupils

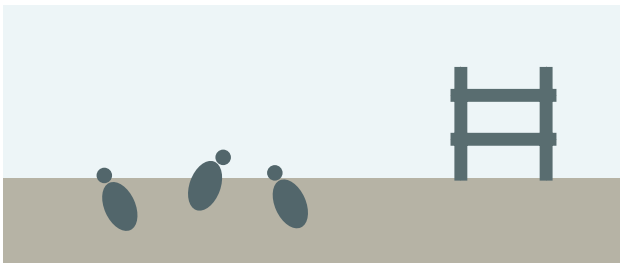
Use one visual still prompt to infer setting and mood, then draft two possible continuations without treating the prompt as a finished story.

Eight still-frame prompt cards

For each card, notice what is shown, what you infer and what the frame does not tell you. Choose a card and create two possible next moments.

Cut along the dashed borders. Single-sided cards; 4 mm spacing between cards.

1. The footprint trail



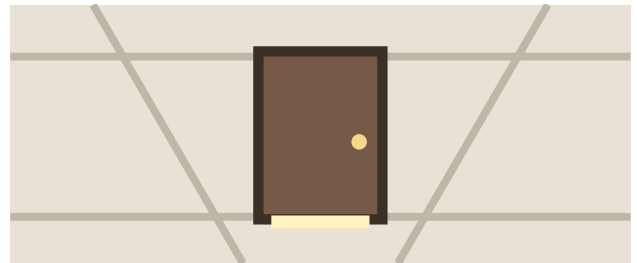
Original scene sketch for this prompt.

Wet footprints cross a stone path and disappear beyond a gate.

Ask: Who or what made them? Where might they lead? What cannot you tell?

Words: trail, follow, tiptoe, far away.

2. The little door



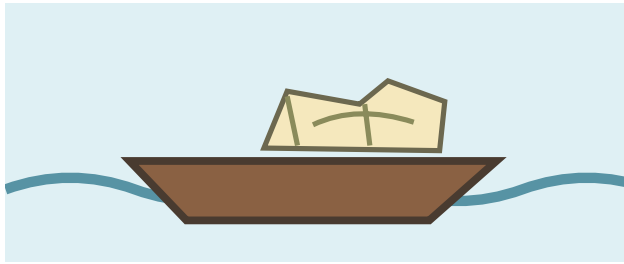
Original scene sketch for this prompt.

A small door stands at the end of a corridor; a narrow line of light shows beneath it.

Ask: What might be behind it? What could happen when it opens? Which detail creates mood?

Words: tiny, knock, creak, roots.

3. The boat and the map



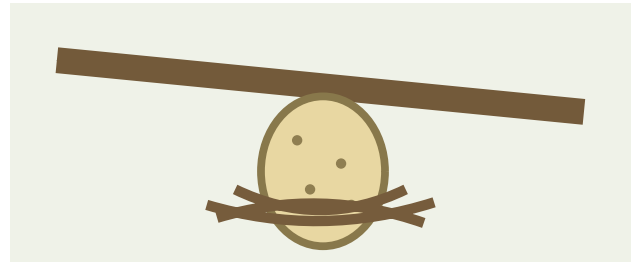
Original scene sketch for this prompt.

A folded map lies in a boat as the tide moves away from the shore.

Ask: Who might use the boat? Where could the map lead? What detail would you add?

Words: row, island, treasure, waves.

4. The big egg



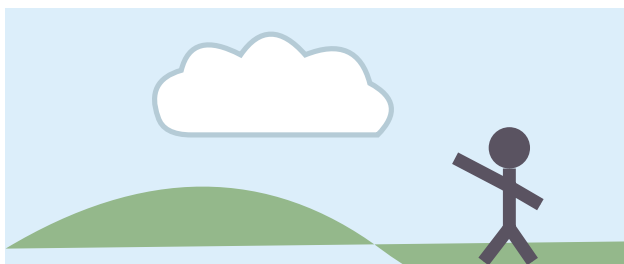
Original scene sketch for this prompt.

A speckled egg rests in a nest beneath a branch that has fallen across the path.

Ask: What might be inside? What could happen next? What is still uncertain?

Words: speckled, nest, crack, hatch.

5. The animal cloud



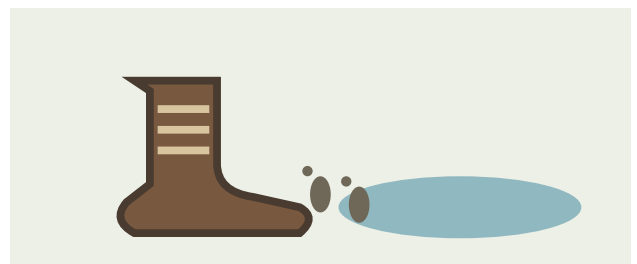
Original scene sketch for this prompt.

A cloud above a hill resembles an animal; a person points towards it.

Ask: What shape can you see? Where might the cloud move? How could another viewer interpret it?

Words: fluffy, float, sky, shape.

6. The lost boot



Original scene sketch for this prompt.

One muddy boot stands beside a puddle; a line of smaller prints ends nearby.

Ask: Whose boot might it be? Where could the other be? What evidence supports your guess?

Words: puddle, splash, lost, muddy.

7. The glowing window



Original scene sketch for this prompt.

One lit window appears in a dark row of houses. The curtain is partly open.

Ask: What can the frame show? What can it not show? How does the light affect mood?

Words: glow, dark, cosy, moon.

8. The key on the mat



Original scene sketch for this prompt.

A shiny key lies on a mat beside a closed door.

Ask: Who may have dropped it? What might it open? What other detail would help?

Words: shiny, lock, unlock, secret.

Make two possibilities

Card number: ___ Visible detail: ___ My first next moment: ___ My second next moment: ___ Evidence for each:
