

# Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Character, Setting & Events

Read the short story and answer each question.



## Ava's First Swing

Ava stood at the park. She saw a swing.

"I want to try," she said.

She held the chains and sat down.

But the swing wobbled. Ava frowned.

"I can help!" said her brother, Leo.

He gave a little push. Ava flew forward and back.

"I'm doing it!" she shouted.

The wind brushed her face. She smiled wide.

"Let's come back tomorrow," Ava said.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ava's First Swing

1. Who helped Ava at the park?

- A. Her brother Leo
- B. Her mom
- C. Her dog
- D. Her teacher

2. Where did the story take place?

- A. At the park
- B. In a store
- C. In the library
- D. At school

3. Fill in the blank:

Ava smiled when she sat on the \_\_\_\_\_.

4. What do we know about Ava's feelings during the story?

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5. What happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the story?

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# Parent and Teacher Guide

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**Guide Reading Level:** E

**Lexile Level:** 10L-160L

**Grade Level:** 1st Grade, Beginning of the Year

**Genre:** Realistic Fiction

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## Introducing the Text

*"Today we're reading about a girl who tries something new at the park. As you read, think about what Ava does, how she feels, and where the story takes place."*

**Vocabulary:** swing, chains, smiled, park, wind

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## Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt nervous to try something new?
  2. What do you like to do at the park?
  3. Why do people go on swings?
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## During Reading Discussion Questions

1. How did Ava feel when she first sat on the swing?
  2. Who helped Ava?
  3. What happened when she started to swing?
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## After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How did Ava change from the beginning to the end?
  2. How would you describe the setting of the story?
  3. What important things happened in the story?
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## Activity Idea

Let students draw their favorite playground setting and label it with words like "swing," "slide," or "climbing wall." Then, they can write 1–2 sentences describing a character who plays there.

