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# Playing With Paper

by Anita Amin

One sunny Sunday morning, Alex and Emma were tossing a ball in the park. Their dad was sitting on a bench, reading a newspaper.

After a while, Emma stopped. She walked over to Alex. "It's too hot," she told him. "I wish I had my sun hat."

Alex agreed. "I wish I had mine, too."

Emma saw Dad folding his newspaper. "I have an idea," she said.

Emma asked Dad for two pages. She folded each page a few times. Then she put one on Alex's head. She put the other one on her head.

Alex smiled. "This paper hat is perfect!"

They sat down next to Dad and watched everyone in the park. Some people were picnicking. Some were playing. And some were walking their pets.

After a while, the sky filled with clouds. It became windy. Some people started flying kites.

"I wish I had a kite," Emma said, watching a butterfly kite flap in the wind.

"Or a plane," Alex said, pointing to a toy plane buzzing around.

"I have an idea." Emma took off her hat. She folded it another way.

"A paper airplane!" Alex folded his hat into a plane, too.

They threw their planes into the air. Emma's plane flew past Alex's plane.

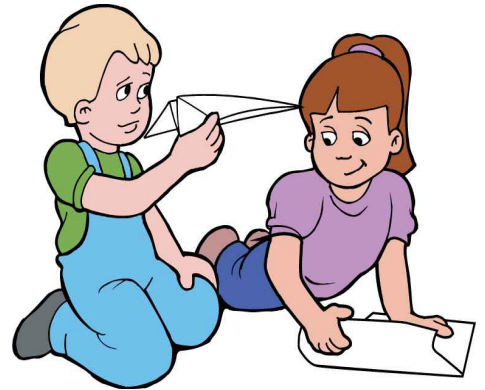
Emma grinned. "I won."

They flew their planes until they heard thunder.

"Let's go," Dad said. "Otherwise, we'll need a boat to get out of here."

"Hmm," Emma said. "I have an idea." Emma folded both planes another way.

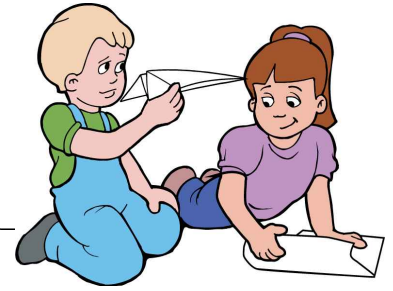
Then they left, after Emma had put two paper boats on the bench.



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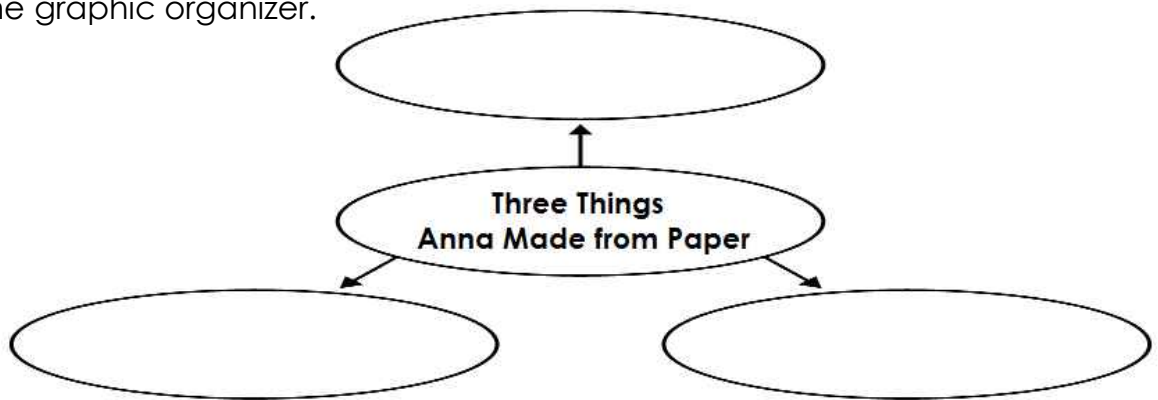
1. Where and when does the story takes place.

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2. What was Emma and Alex's dad doing in the park?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Complete the graphic organizer.



4. Whose plane flew farther- Emma's or Alex's? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why did Emma and Alex leave the park?

- a. They were tired of playing with paper.
- b. They were bored.
- c. The weather was getting bad.
- d. Emma's dad was done reading the paper.

6. In the beginning of the story, the weather was \_\_\_\_\_.

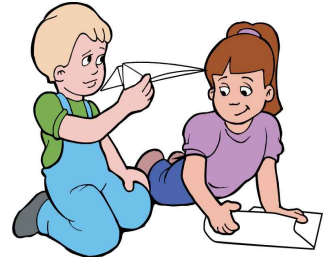
In the middle of the story, the weather was \_\_\_\_\_.

At the end of the story, the weather was \_\_\_\_\_.

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Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. t \_ s s \_ n g

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. w \_ t c h \_ d

**clue:** looked at

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. p \_ c n \_ c k \_ n g

**clue:** eating outside

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. b \_ t t \_ r f l \_

**clue:** insect with big, colorful wings

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. g r \_ n n \_ d

**clue:** smiled

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. t h \_ n d \_ r

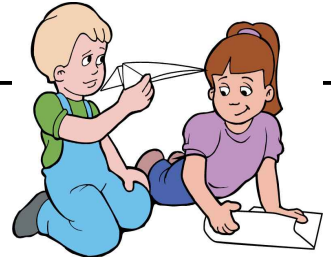
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7. \_\_\_\_\_

## ANSWER KEY

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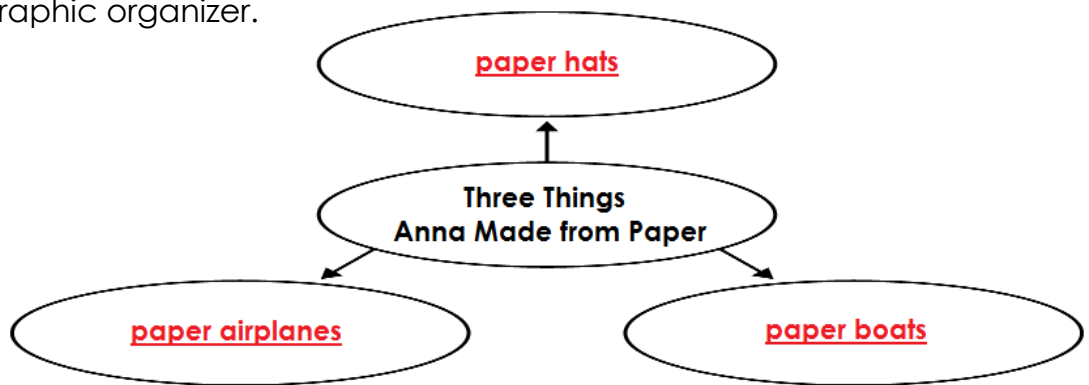
1. What is the setting of this story? Tell where and when the story takes place.

This story takes place on Sunday morning in the park.

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6. In the beginning of the story, the weather was sunny.

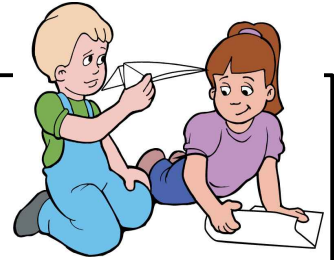
In the middle of the story, the weather was windy.

At the end of the story, the weather was stormy. (also accept cloudy or thundering)

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