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Literary Elements

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Vocabulary

cast
chuckled
frightened
outwit
reel

Some stories are fiction. This means they are made-up. They are not true. Stories are all different. But they have parts that are the same. A story has **characters.** Characters are the actors in the story. A story has a **plot.** The plot is what happens. There is often a problem. The plot tells how the characters solve the problem. A story has a **setting.** The setting is when the story takes place. It is also where the story takes place. All these things make a good story.

Analyzing a Character

Characters make the story real. The author tells how the characters talk, look, and act. You can learn about a character in different ways:

What the character does		What the character says
	UNDERSTANDING A CHARACTER	
What others say about the character		What the author says about the character

What is the big event in this story?

A Juan and Grandpa visit Aunt Eva.

B Grandpa shows Juan how to cast a line.

C Juan catches his first fish.

D Aunt Eva catches a huge fish.

✓ What is this story mostly about? This is Juan's first fishing trip. He catches his first fish. That is the big event. Choice C is the correct answer.

Describe the two settings of the story.

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✓ The setting is where the story takes place. This can include the time of day. It can also include the location. A story can have more than one setting. Here is a sample answer:

The story starts at Juan's house early in the morning. The rest of the story takes place at Stormy Lake. This is where Juan, Grandpa, and Aunt Eva go fishing.
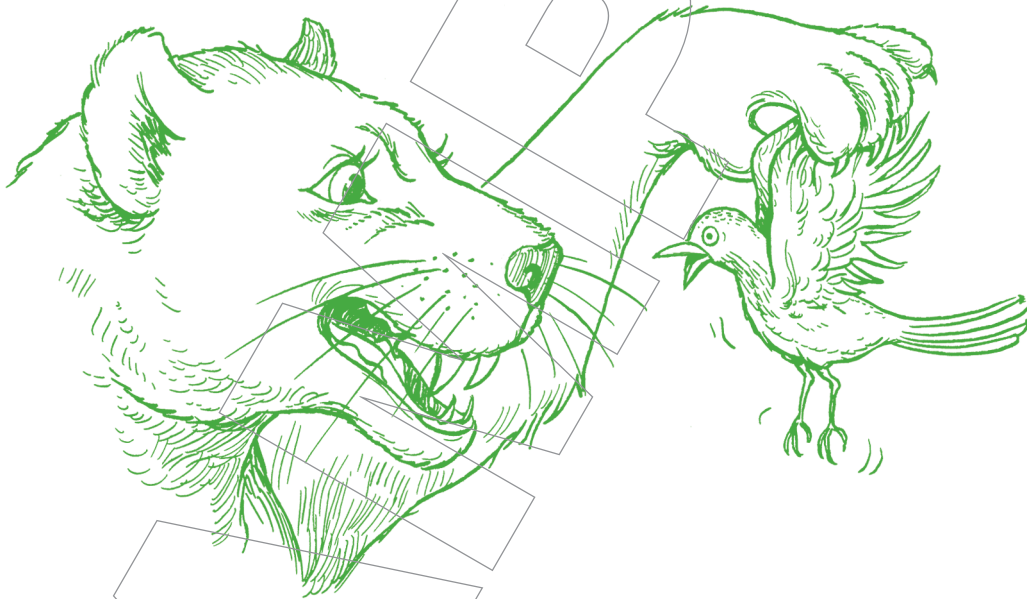
Cat put Bird down on the ground. Then she started to lick her paws. And she washed her face. Bird flew quickly to a high branch in a tree. There he chuckled at Cat. He sang a song because he was happy.

Cat was upset. She did not like to be tricked by Bird. From that day on, she only washed after she finished eating.

That is why you see cats washing themselves after they eat. They never wash before they eat. They learned their lesson.

1 Which word *best* describes Cat?

A kind

B proud

C scared

D smart

UNIT 2
Key Ideas and Details

2 What is the setting of the story?

   A jungle

   B house

   C tree

   D meadow

3 Cat was interested in Bird because she was _____.

   A nosy

   B friendly

   C worried

   D hungry

4 How did Bird get away from Cat?

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