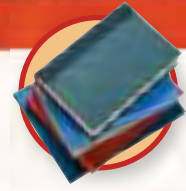


# School Days



## Talk About It

What is it like to start a school year?  
What is the same and what is different from last year?



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## Vocabulary

tomorrow  
groan  
excited  
whisper  
carefully  
different



## Dictionary

When words are in **alphabetical order**, they are listed in ABC order.

The following words are in alphabetical order:

*carefully*  
*different*  
*excited*



# School Is Starting!

by Josh Singh

**T**om, Matt, and Lea played in the park. "Today is the last day of summer," said Tom. "**Tomorrow** is the first day of school!"

"The summer went by so fast," Matt said with a **groan**. He made a noise to show he was upset.

"We can't play all day when school starts," said Lea. "But I

am still **excited**. I feel very happy about school this year. It's going to be fun!"

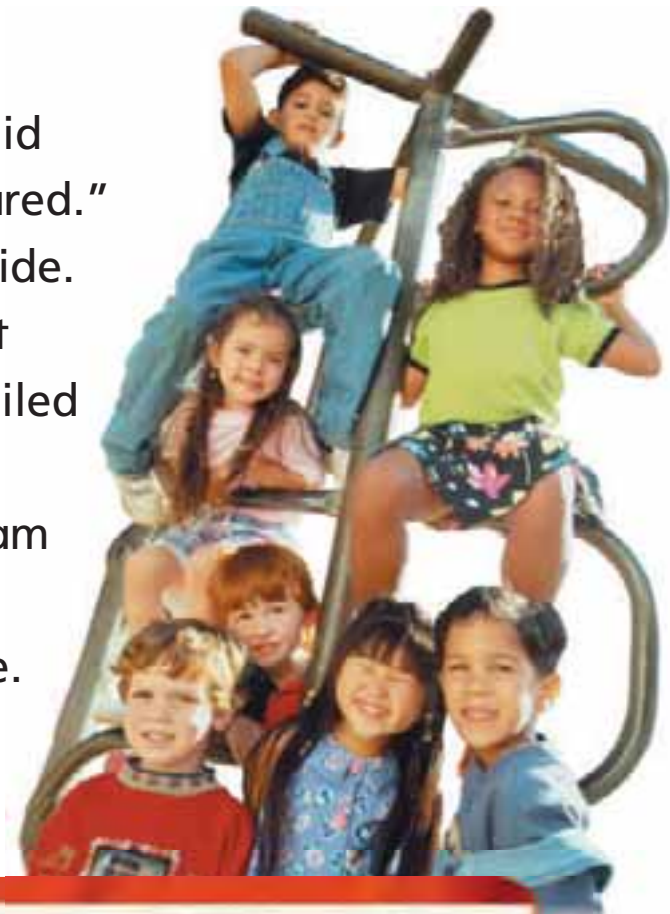
"I'm not so sure," Matt said.

"Really?" Lea asked Matt.

"I meant to **whisper** that," said Matt. "I wanted to say it softly. I did not want you to hear that I am scared."

Tom **carefully** climbed up the slide. He went up slowly so he would not fall. Then he slid down fast and smiled at Matt.

"It's okay, Matt," Tom said. "I am nervous, too. Second grade will be **different**. Nothing will be the same. But one thing is for sure. We will always be friends!"



## Reread for Comprehension



### Story Structure

#### Character and Setting

Thinking about a story's structure, or the way it is organized, can help you understand more about the characters and the setting. Reread the story and use the chart to help you understand the people in the story and where it takes place.

Character	Setting