



## Home-School Connection

### Dear Family Member:

I'm reading *David's New Friends* in class this week. I learned that stories have characters and settings. Characters are the people in a story, and the setting is the time and place. I know David is nervous about the first day of school. I feel that way, too, each year. I use my own classroom to picture what David's is like.

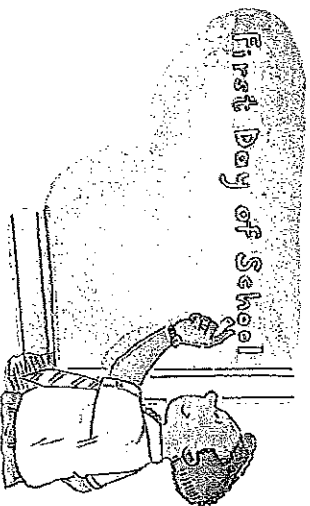
### This Week's Skills

**Comprehension:** character and setting

**Vocabulary:** alphabetical order

**Phonics:** words with the sounds of a and i as in *bat* and *fit*

**Spelling:** words with a and i



## Word Workout

### WORDS TO KNOW

carefully      different      excited  
groan      tomorrow      whisper

**Tell Me a Story** We can tell a story with your words. I'll ask you what each word means and then we'll use it in a sentence. We can string the sentences together to make up a story.

### SPELLING WORDS

has      sat      wag      had      bad  
fix      six      him      will      if

**Stamp and Spell** I'll show you all the words for one minute. Then I'll say each word for you to spell. If the word has the a sound, clap your hands. If the word has the i sound, stamp your feet. Then spell the word.

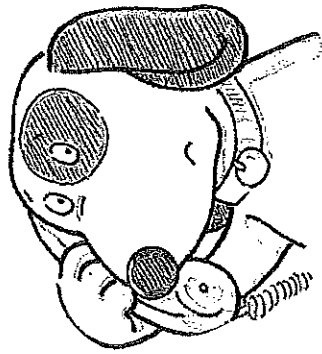
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# Riddle Me This

Let's look at each picture. I'll help you read the words. Circle the word that describes whether the answer is a character or a setting. When we're all done, let's pick one character and one setting and use them to tell a story.



I like to chew a meaty  
bone,

I do not talk on a  
telephone.

I cannot play a big trombone,  
But you could take me home to own.

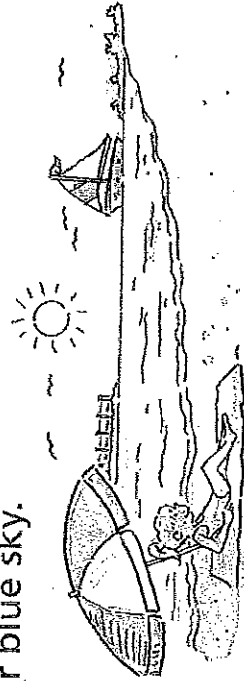
**Am I a Character or a Setting?**

The cool waves slap.

The white sails snap.

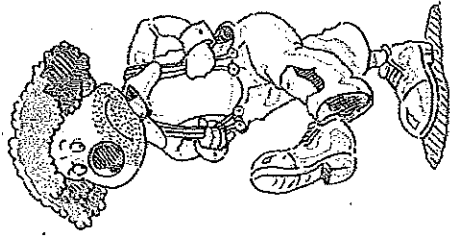
The birds fly high,  
or a Setting?

In a clear blue sky.



I wear a big frown,  
I'm a very sad clown.  
My pink pants are torn,  
And I've lost my toy horn.

**Am I a Character or a Setting?**



The fans can't help but yell and cheer,  
The end of the game is very near.  
Just then a player makes a score,  
The fans let out a mighty roar.

**Am I a Character or a Setting?**

