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Where is Alex?

By Anita Amin

"Ten!" Emma cries, opening her eyes. "Ready or not, here I come!"

Emma searches the park for her big brother Alex. They're playing Hide-and-Seek.



"Found you!" Emma peers under a bench. But she only finds a squirrel.

Clang. Clink. Clunk. Mom is dropping bottles into a trash can.

"Found you!" Emma leaps behind the trash can. But she only finds more bottles.

A nearby tree shakes with the wind.

"Found you!" Emma skips around the tree. But she only finds some acorns.

Emma flops down on the bench. She's tired and ready to quit! Where is Alex?

An acorn rolls near the bench. The squirrel carries the acorn past Emma, past the trash can and up the tree.

Emma follows the squirrel. She peeps up the tree.

"Fooled you!" Alex laughs. He's swinging from a branch like a monkey!

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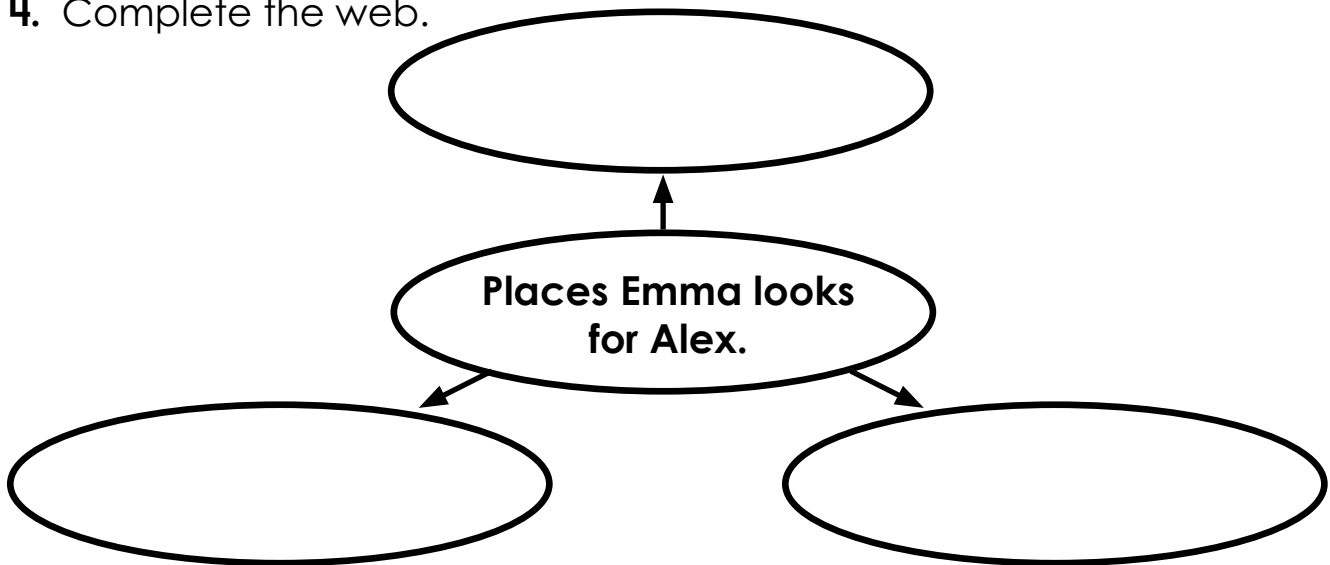


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• glass or plastic containers

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5. acorn •

• moves back and forth

6. fooled •

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In this story, Emma and her brother Alex are playing hide and seek in the park. Alex fools Emma by hiding high up in a tree.



Imagine you were at a park with a friend.

Write a paragraph that tells what games you would play.

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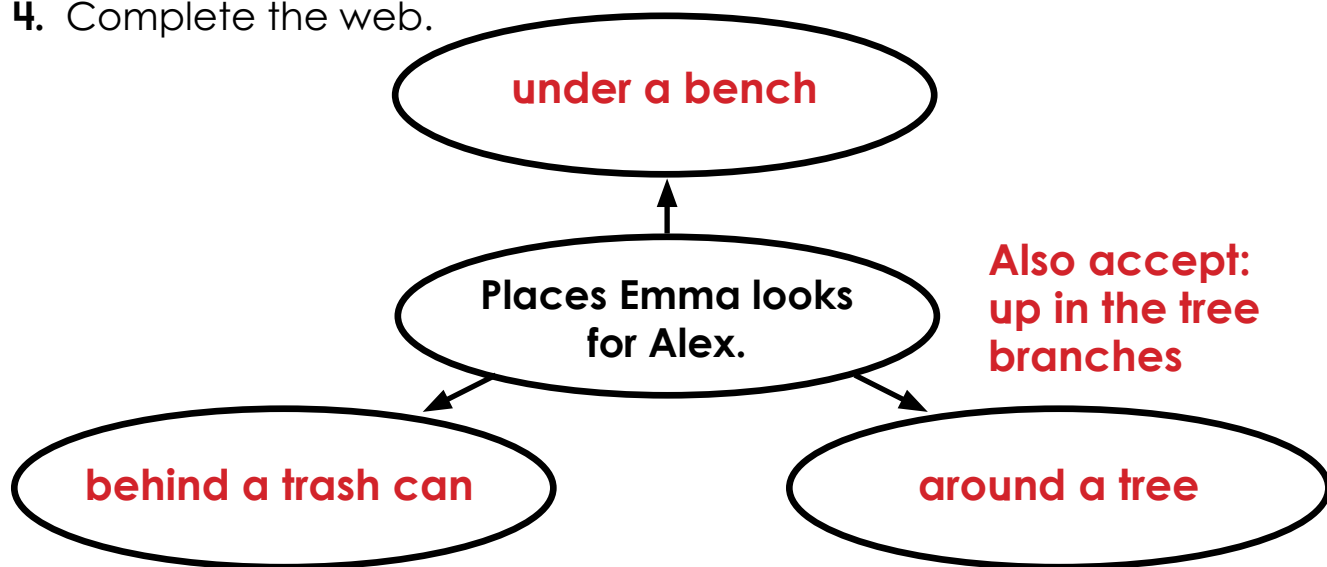


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