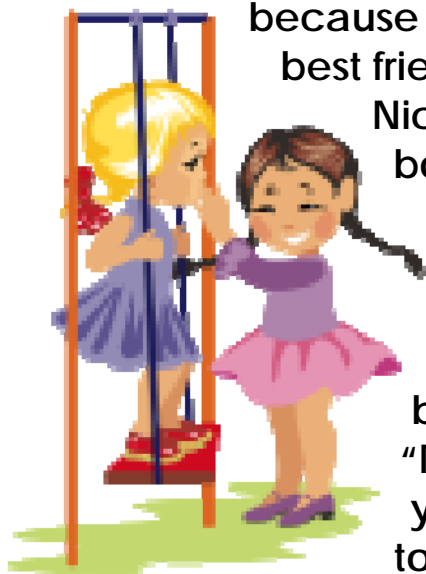


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Story Time!

Directions: Read the following short story and fill in the boxes below based on what happens in the story.

Lucy was a bright little girl with hair that was chocolaty brown and a big toothy smile. She loved going to school because she had so many friends there. Her best friend was a girl in her class named Nicole who wore her hair with big red bows and was the tallest girl in her class. One day while Lucy and Nicole were playing on the swings at school, another classmate named Billy came up to them and began to pick on Nicole! He said, "Nicole, you look like a beanstalk, you're so tall! Do you need binoculars to see everyone down here?" Nicole slumped as she heard this, but Lucy jumped in front of her, standing as tall as she could and said, "That's not nice Billy! Nicole wasn't even bothering you, so why did you have to say something so mean?" Billy got flustered and said, "She may not have been bothering me, but she also didn't invite me to play on the swings with you guys! I love the swings!"



"Is that why you decided to pick on her?" asked Lucy, "All you had to do was ask us if you could join us and we could all play on the swings together!"

"Really?" responded Billy, "Is that okay with you Nicole?"

"Of course!" said Nicole, "The swings are always more fun with more people!"

"Thanks guys!" said Billy, as he smiled, "And sorry, Nicole. I didn't mean to hurt your feelings."

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Fill in the boxes with the information from the story!

The diagram consists of a central five-pointed star with the word "Theme" written inside it. Four rounded rectangular boxes are arranged around the star, each with a pointer pointing towards the star. The boxes are labeled "Characters" (top-left), "Setting" (top-right), "Problem" (bottom-left), and "Solution" (bottom-right). Each box contains three horizontal lines for writing.