

Reading
Story Elements

Instructions: Read the story below carefully. Answer the questions that follow.
Select the correct answer.

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It was hard for Josh to concentrate on schoolwork during April. That was when baseball season got underway, and all Josh could think about was his favorite team, the Lightning Bolts. He had embarrassed himself today when Mr. Carpenter had asked the term for the bush country of central Australia. Josh had shot his hand into the air and called "Outfield!" instead of "outback." Even Mr. Carpenter had laughed at that one, and Josh's face had turned red.

Now, strolling home from school in the soft April air, Josh saw Diana, the new girl in his English class. "Hi, Josh," she said in a friendly voice. "I wanted to ask you to come to my birthday party Saturday. It's at my house at 3:00. Can you come?"

Josh opened his mouth to reply, but no sound came out. The Lightning Bolts were playing on Saturday, andthe game would begin at 3:05.

1. The two main characters are:

Josh

Diana

Lightning Bolts

Mr. Carpenter

2. The story takes place in the _____

summer

fall

winter

spring

3. The action happens_____.

4. One of Josh's problems is that _____.

5. Another of Josh's problems is that _____.

6. Which of these statements is not true about Josh?

7. What is the term of the bush country of central Australia? Write the one-word answer in the space provided.