

READING SKILL

JENNY'S NEW BICYCLE



Jenny was cycling around the park on her new bicycle. Her parents had given it to her as a birthday present.

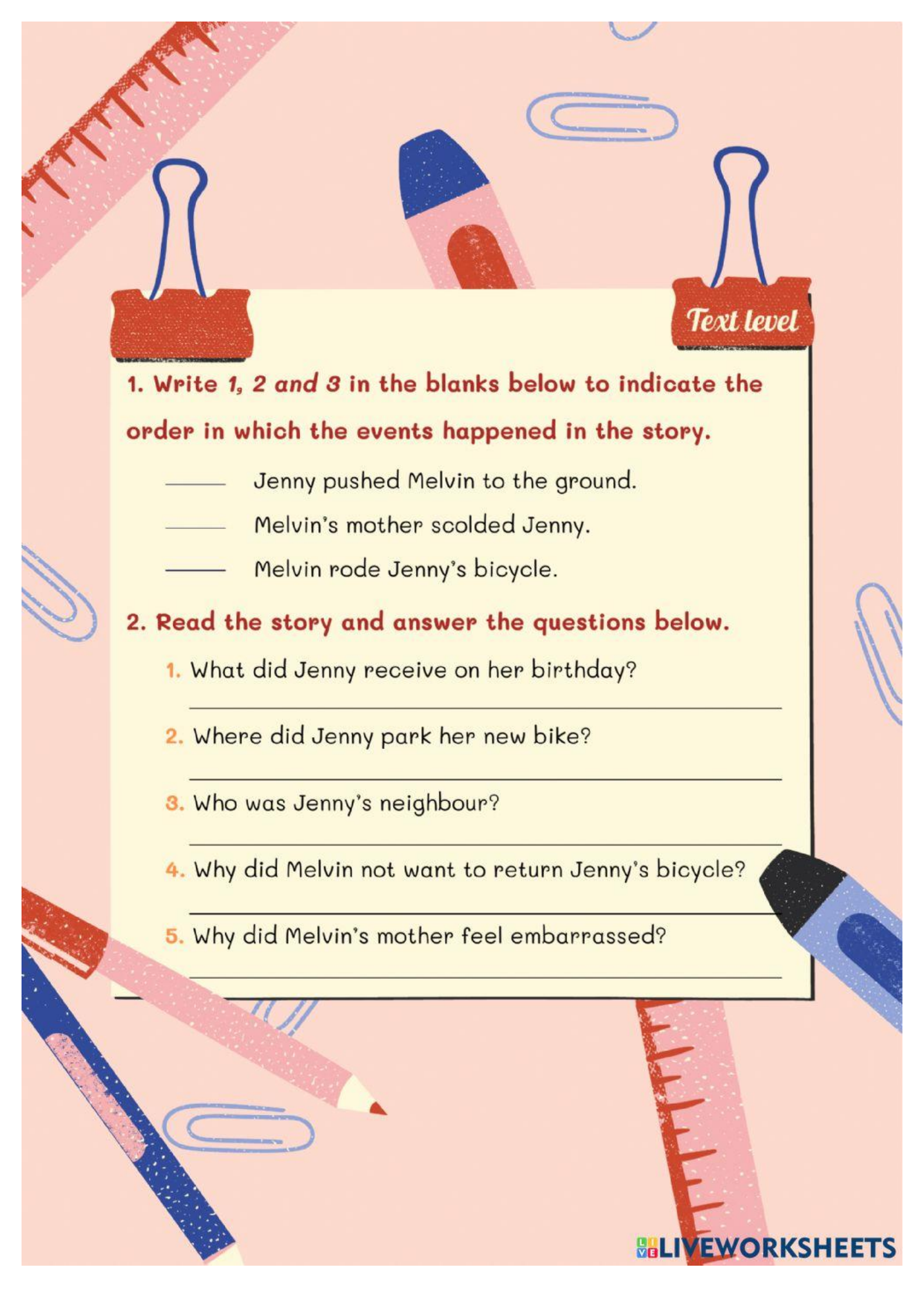
After a while, she parked it outside her house and went inside to take a bath. When she turned, to her horror, she saw her neighbour, Melvin, riding on it. Melvin started making funny faces at Jenny.

Jenny was furious. "Give it back to me now!" she screamed as she stomped towards Melvin. Melvin smiled cheekily at her and said, "Does this belong to you? I don't see your name written on it!" He did not want to return her bicycle as she had not allowed him to join in a game of hide-and-seek the week before. He was sore about it.

Jenny rushed forward and pushed Melvin off the bicycle with so much force that he tumbled onto the ground.

Immediately, Melvin started groaning. Melvin's mother came out of their house and helped her son to his feet as Jenny looked on angrily. Melvin accused Jenny of pushing him off the bicycle. Melvin's mother turned to Jenny and reprimanded her. Jenny broke into tears.

Just then, Jenny's mother appeared. After hearing Jenny's account, Jenny's mother asked her to apologise to Melvin and to promise not to push anyone in anger again. Melvin's mother was embarrassed upon hearing this and apologised to Jenny for scolding her earlier before checking all the facts. She then asked Melvin to apologise to Jenny for riding on her bicycle without her permission.



Text level

1. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events happened in the story.

- _____ Jenny pushed Melvin to the ground.
- _____ Melvin's mother scolded Jenny.
- _____ Melvin rode Jenny's bicycle.

2. Read the story and answer the questions below.

1. What did Jenny receive on her birthday?

2. Where did Jenny park her new bike?

3. Who was Jenny's neighbour?

4. Why did Melvin not want to return Jenny's bicycle?

5. Why did Melvin's mother feel embarrassed?
