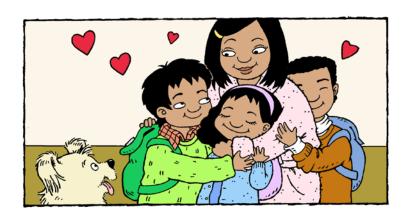


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Instructions: Have students record the story's sequence of events in the boxes. Remind them to only include the most important information.



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- 1) Carlos acted as if he was \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Maria \_\_\_\_\_ when he pretended to swing.
- 3 Carlos \_\_\_\_\_\_ a picture of Maria to his poster.
- 4 Maria and Carlos \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor.
- ⑤ Carlos included his \_\_\_\_\_ on the poster.
- 6 Maria \_\_\_\_\_ Carlos some questions.
- 7 Maria and Carlos \_\_\_\_\_ a good time.

① There's a girl named Maria in the story.
② "Don't you miss your family?" asked Maria.
3 "We'll visit our relatives in Mexico," said Carlos.
④ "It's a great poster," said Maria.
⑤ "That's my family," said Carlos.

## My Sentence:

**Instructions:** Have students underline the contraction in each sentence and write the two words the contraction is made from on the line. Then, have them use a contraction in an original sentence on the lines provided.