

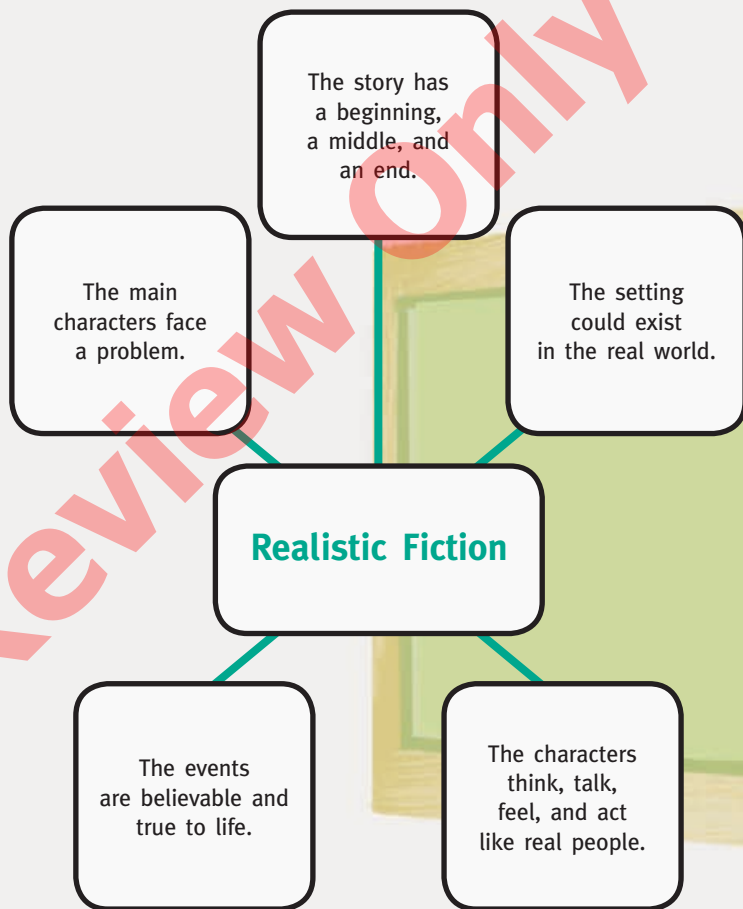
Lila's First Job



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Lila Looks for a Job

“Come on, Paul,” Lila shouted. “Try to keep up.”

Lila was annoyed. Her parents always asked her to take care of her little brother. Paul was such a pest.





Then Lila got a flat tire.

“There is always something wrong with my bike,” groaned Lila. “Mom and Dad said they would help me buy a new one.”

“I just need to figure out how to pay for half the cost,” she said.

The next day, Lila went to the community center. She saw a poster for a camp job working with kids.

This job could help me make enough money to buy a new bike, thought Lila.

Lila got a form from Ms. Green in the office.





Lila told her parents about the job.

“I’m sorry we won’t be able to drive you to work,” said Mom.

“You will have to ride your bike,” added Dad.

“That’s okay,” said Lila. “I fixed the flat.”

The next day, Lila brought the form back to Ms. Green.

“Why should I pick you for this job?” asked Ms. Green.





“I watch my little brother all the time,” said Lila. “And he’s a handful! So I’m always careful with kids.”

Ms. Green asked Lila to start the next day.

Lila Works and Saves

Lila's first week of work was a busy one. *Taking care of more than one little kid is not easy*, thought Lila.





Lila got paid for her first week of work.

“Can you take me to the bank, Dad?”
asked Lila. “I want to save all my money
in a bank account.”