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Abby's Big Idea: Reading Comprehension

Fiction story · about 150 words

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   D. a girl solves a playground problem

2. **Detail:** What was the problem at the playground?

   A. A huge puddle formed under the swings. B. The slide was broken. C. There were no swings.
   D. The fence fell down.

3. **Sequence:** What did Abby do before writing the letter?

   A. called a news reporter B. bought wood chips C. moved the swings
   D. measured the puddle, took pictures, and asked people

4. **Detail:** What did Abby suggest?

   A. putting wood chips under the swings B. buying umbrellas C. building a roof D. closing the playground

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