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Answers will vary. Students should be able to write two to three sentences about a plausible setting for each.

1. New girl moves to town and is afraid she won't make friends.

The town is small and everyone has known each other since they were born. The girl lives in a neighborhood, but there are only older people on her street. The school is much smaller than the one that she was used to back home—and her clothes don't seem to be the same as what is in style here.

2. Pamela and Jason believe the house next door is haunted.

The house next door is abandoned and falling in. There are large, scraggly trees in the yard, and cobwebs on the porch. There are vines growing into the windows, and lots of mice and rodents go scampering in and out.

3. Jessica grew up on a farm, but doesn't like her new home in the city.

The city is crowded and dirty. Jessica now lives in an apartment and can hear the family next door through the walls. She misses the green pastures from home, and she only sees concrete everywhere.

4. Paul and his family go camping every summer.

In the mountains where Paul and his family camp, there are large rocks and a stream rushing over them. Every night, they build a campfire and watch the stars and moon between the branches of the large trees. It is quiet and peaceful—except for the sound of the river and the occasional rustling of a passing deer.

5. Lisa meets a magical fairy in her yard.

Lisa's yard looks ordinary, but the fairy takes her into the woods, and Lisa discovers a secret glen. It has a shimmering waterfall and the fairies live in tiny houses made of leaves in the trees. There are many flowers growing on the floor of the glen, and the birds sing chirpy songs.