

## Lesson 4 | Story

### Hattie Loves Spring



My favorite season is **spring**. It's when frozen things are **thawing**, growing things are hatching, and blooming things are blossoming for the first time all year. The grassy **lawn** goes from brown and crusty to soft and green. It's finally warm enough that we can draw colorful pictures with **chalk** all over the driveway. Everything seems fresh and alive after the long cold winter. Dad tells me that's a **skewed** version of things, just as spring seems chilly and wet compared to the middle of July, but I still think I'm right.

Today, I've zipped up my favorite blue hooded sweatshirt, and slipped a notebook in my front pocket. I'm going on a spring walk, and I'm going to record every spring thing I find. I **sing** a happy song as I walk down the path to the pond. My older sister would say, "Stop, Hattie! It's **awkward** to sing by yourself outside." But I don't think so. I notice a mother red-tailed **hawk** gliding into her nest and feeding her chicks some bugs. I write it down in my notebook. As I sit in the tall reeds near the pond, I hear a bluebird singing her favorite song. I write it down. I yank a **stalk** of thick grass out of the ground and notice how pale and white it is at the base, compared to the bright green point at the top. I write it down.

It's **awfully** soothing to sit by a pond in spring. I close my eyes and feel the soft breeze play across my cheeks. In the winter, the same breeze would sting and bite at my skin. Now, it's like the downy fuzz of a newborn chick. I guess you could say I have spring on my mind. And I don't mind it one bit.

## Lesson 4 | Vocabulary Quiz

1. Lawn
  - A. An area outside covered with grass
  - B. A rocky area
  - C. The area next to a lake

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2. Skewed
  - A. Correct
  - B. Unkind
  - C. Not true or right

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3. Chalk
  - A. A substance used for painting
  - B. A soft, light colored rock made into sticks with which to write or draw
  - C. A waxy material used for drawing, often by children

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4. Hawk
  - A. A raptor, or kind of bird that eats other animals for food
  - B. A small blue bird with a bright song
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5. Awkward
  - A. Strange and unusual
  - B. Not graceful or confident
  - C. Beautiful and elegant

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6. Sing
  - A. To make a song by blowing through your lips
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7. Spring
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9. Stalk
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  - B. The leaf of a plant
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10. Thawing
  - A. To freeze solid
  - B. To be liquid
  - C. Stop being frozen

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1. Which type of story is this?
  - A. Nonfiction
  - B. Fiction
  - C. Science fiction

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2. A main character is a person a story is mostly about. Who is the main character in this story?
  - A. Jessie
  - B. Maddie
  - C. Hattie

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3. Where does this story take place?
  - A. Outside Hattie's home
  - B. In Hattie's best friend's house
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  - A. Gray
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9. What does Hattie pull out of the ground?
  - A. A thick stalk of grass
  - B. A carrot
  - C. A violet

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10. What color is it at the base?
  - A. Bright green
  - B. Pale, white
  - C. Orange

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