

**READ THE PASSAGE** Look for words that tell how the characters feel.

### River Rafting

Aya and her family drove to the river. A guide was waiting for them there. "Hi, I'm Matt," he said. "Here are your wet suits. The water is very cold!" Aya and her brother, Taro, pulled on their wet suits and life vests. They could hardly wait to begin. The children's father was eager, too. Their mother was not so sure.

"Why am I doing this?" she asked. She was very nervous.

"For fun!" said the children. "Don't worry, Mom. It will be great." They climbed into the raft and sat up on its sides. The guide gave everyone a paddle. He held an extra long paddle and sat in the back of the raft.

"Here we go!" said Matt, as they pushed off from the shore. The water sparkled in the warm sunshine, and the pine trees along the shore smelled fresh. Matt guided the raft through places where the water was bumpy. The children laughed and screamed as the raft went over the bumps.

"Woohoo!" shouted their mother. "This is fun!"

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read the question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. Matt seems very \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ shy
- Ⓑ angry
- Ⓒ funny
- Ⓓ friendly

2. Aya and Taro are ready to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ have fun
- Ⓑ go home
- Ⓒ save their mother
- Ⓓ laugh at their father

3. Which word describes the activity the family did?

- Ⓐ dirty
- Ⓑ dark
- Ⓒ pretty
- Ⓓ exciting

4. Which one describes how Mom's feelings changed?

- Ⓐ from bored to interested
- Ⓑ from scared to happy
- Ⓒ from brave to frightened
- Ⓓ from eager to worried

**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Tell a partner about a time you were afraid at first but then had fun.