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Peaceful Playground

Directions: Read the short passage below carefully. Then answer the four questions that follow. Decide if the character feels *alone* or *lonely* and explain why.

At recess, Jordan sat on the swings while most of the other kids played kickball. He pushed himself gently, feeling the cool wind brush his face. He could hear laughter from the field but didn't mind. Jordan liked the quiet and wanted time to think about his new puppy at home. When the bell rang, he smiled and ran to line up with the others, feeling ready for the rest of the day.

1. What is Jordan doing during recess?

2. How does Jordan seem to feel about being by himself?

3. Is Jordan *alone* or *lonely*? Explain your reasoning.

4. What clues in the passage help you understand his feelings?
