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My First Ride

Directions: Read the short story below. Think about what happens to the character and how it reminds you of your own experiences. Answer the connection questions in **complete sentences**.

Learning to Ride

Emma stared at her shiny new bike. She wanted to ride it without training wheels, but she felt nervous. Her dad held the seat as she wobbled down the driveway. "Keep pedaling!" he encouraged. Suddenly, Emma realized her dad had let go. She was riding all on her own! Even though she tipped over a few seconds later, Emma smiled proudly. She had taken her first big step toward riding by herself.

1. How did Emma feel before she rode her bike?

2. Write about a time when you tried something new that made you nervous. What was it?

3. How did you feel after you tried it? Did you succeed right away or after practicing?

4. Why do you think trying new things is important, even if they are scary at first?
