

Beginning Short Stories – “Who Knows My Name?”

Directions: First read the basic version of the story below. Next, read the advanced version of the same story. Then, try to answer the questions about the story.

Basic Version

Let’s play a game! My name starts with the letter “J”. Who knows my name?

Is it Jennifer? No.

Is it Janet? No.

Those are good tries to get the answer. But you do not know it yet! The last letter in my name is “A”. Who knows my name?

Is it Jessica? No.

Is it Julia? Yes! That was a very good try. You win!



Advanced Version

Let’s play a game! My name starts with the letter “J”. Who knows my name?

Is it Jennifer? No.

Is it Janet? No.

Those are good *guesses*. But you do not know it yet! My name *ends* with the letter “A”. Who knows my name?

Is it Jessica? No.

Is it Julia? Yes! That was a *great guess*. You win!

Questions:

1. What was the first letter of her name?
2. What was the last letter of her name?
3. What was her name?

Vocabulary:

To find word definitions: First, find the word in the advanced version of the story. Then, compare this part of the advanced version of the story to the same part of the basic version of the story. This will give you a general definition of the word.

1. What does “**guesses**” mean? (*paragraph 4, sentence 1*)
2. What does “**end**” mean? (*paragraph 4, sentence 3*)
3. What does “**great**” mean? (*the last line of the story*)