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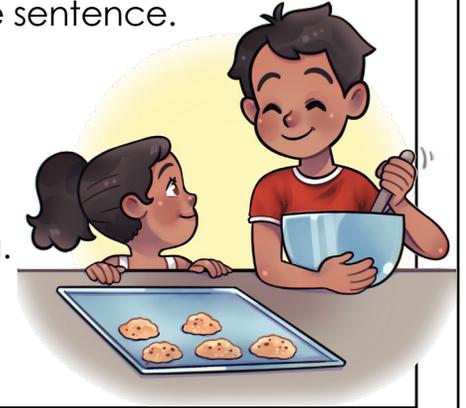
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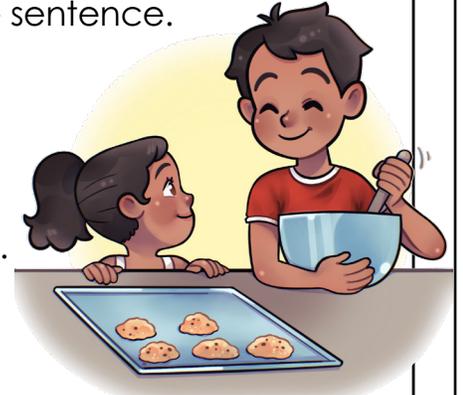
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Answers will vary. Sample answer: Alicia can swing very high.