



## Julia's First Poem

Julia likes to visit the public library on Saturday mornings. Reading and writing have always been two of her very favorite activities. One Saturday, she noticed a sign posted that really got her attention. The library was hosting a poetry writing contest in honor of National Poetry Month. Up until this time, Julia had mostly written simple little stories. She had a very good imagination. She decided that writing a poem might be a fun, new challenge, so she checked out a book about poetry to learn more. Two weeks later, Julia submitted her contest poem to the librarian. The winners would be announced at the library the following week. Parents, family, and friends were invited to attend. To Julia, that week seemed like forever. At last, everyone was seated in the library auditorium as the winners' names were read.

"The winner in the humorous category is Julia West," said the librarian.

The audience broke into applause. Julia's parents were very proud of her and clapped the loudest. She couldn't stop smiling as she walked to the front to receive her certificate. Julia had written a poem about her silly little cat that does somersaults when she's happy to see you. She wondered if her kitty would understand when she showed her the poetry award that she had helped her win.

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**Directions:** *Based on the story, decide whether the statements below are true or false. Then fill in the circle for the correct answer.*

1. Julia likes to visit the public library on Saturday mornings.  
 True                       False
2. In the story, Julia saw a notice at the library about a story writing contest.  
 True                       False
3. Julia has written many poems, so she decided to enter the poetry contest.  
 True                       False
4. Julia wrote a humorous poem about her dog doing somersaults.  
 True                       False
5. Julia's parents were very proud of her for winning the poetry contest.  
 True                       False