

Plot Elements

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. What is the climax?

- A. the turning point of the story
- B. the struggle between two characters
- C. the beginning of the story
- D. the point when the conflict is resolved

2. Interest and suspense are built during which part of the story?

- A. introduction
- B. rising action
- C. climax
- D. falling action

3. What is the most common type of conflict in a story?

- A. character vs. nature
- B. character vs. society
- C. character vs. character
- D. characters vs. themselves

4. Choose the two words that best complete the sentence.

During the introduction, it is important to introduce the _____ and the _____.

- A. characters, conflict
- B. characters, falling action
- C. climax, conflict
- D. conflict, resolution

5. Which list shows the plot elements in the correct order?

- A. falling action, climax, rising action, conclusion
- B. falling action, rising action, climax, conclusion
- C. rising action, climax, falling action, conclusion
- D. rising action, falling action, climax, conclusion

6. Read the passage. Which plot element is shown in **bold**?

*It was dark and a little eerie by the campfire where Jonas and his friends were huddled. They were telling ghost stories, and each boy tried to make his story scarier than the last. Jonas looked around to see if his dad was anywhere nearby. Suddenly, they heard a loud crack and rustling in the nearby woods. "What's that?" whispered Jonas to the boy next to him. He didn't want to admit it, but he was downright scared now. His heart was racing. He could see a large shadowy figure approaching, holding something that looked like a knife. **"Thought you might want to toast some marshmallows," said Jonas's father as he stepped into the light of the fire. He held up a bag of marshmallows in one hand and metal skewers--not a knife--in the other.** Jonas and his friends breathed sighs of relief. His father taught the group a secret trick for making toasted marshmallows, and they each ate about fifteen.*

A. climax

C. falling action

B. conclusion

D. rising action

7. Read the passage. Which plot element is shown in **bold**?

*The wolf was frustrated that he couldn't blow down the house of the third little pig, so he tried instead to get the pig by climbing through the chimney. Surprise! He fell right into a pot of water that the little pig had on for supper. "Yum!" said the little pig. The pig invited his two brothers over. **They ate a delicious wolf stew for dinner and all lived happily ever after.***

A. climax

C. introduction

B. conclusion

D. rising action

8. What is the classic fairy tale conclusion?

A. once upon a time

C. and they all lived happily ever after

B. the end...or is it?

D. this is a story about a family

9. The sequence of events in a story or novel is called the _____.

A. action

C. plot

B. conflict

D. setting

10. Read the passage. Which plot element is shown in **bold**?

*Eva had always felt that her older sister, Milena, got more of her parents' attention. Though she pretended to be upset, Eva was secretly glad when Milena went away to college. However, Milena was scheduled to come back home for the summer. **As June approached, Eva's parents began planning a surprise party for Milena. Eva got more and more upset.** On the day of Milena's arrival, Eva ran upstairs and locked herself in her room. When her parents asked her to come out, she threw her stuffed animal against the door.*

A. climax

B. conclusion

C. rising action

D. falling action