

Grade 5 English Language Arts  
Week of November 2 – November 6

Lesson 3: Plot

## Plot

The plot is the series of events that happen in the story.

Plot is broken down into the following stages:

*Exposition:* Introduces you to the characters and the setting.

*Rising Action:* All the events that build up to the climax, there is growing conflict that creates suspense.

*Climax:* The turning point and often the most exciting part of the story.

*Falling Action:* Shows the aftermath after the turning point as the loose ends are tied up.

*Resolution:* The ending of the story.



Aladdin Elements of a Plot Structure: <https://youtu.be/ffAOkGg2Lr4>

Now complete the following:

- *Identify Parts of Plot,*
- *Help the Weak Writing!,*
- *Make a Simple Plot, and*
- *Plot to Paragraphs.*

## 2.3 Elements of a Short Story - Plot

### **Identify Parts of a Plot**

**Read this very simple plot and answer the questions.**

Two girls are walking in a forest. They hear a noise coming from a cave and go in. A spaceship is in the cave! The girls run out. The spaceship flies away into the sky. The girls run back to camp and tell their family and friends.

1. What is the exposition?

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2. What is the rising action?

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3. What is the climax of the story?

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4. What is the falling action?

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What is the resolution?

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# Help the Weak Writing!

**\*Refer to your descriptive writing unit for tips to help you.\***

Directions: Take the spaceship paragraph from the previous activity, *Identify Parts of Plot*, and make it into a more exciting story. Use specific nouns, active verbs, and exciting adjectives. Make sentences more complex and interesting. Include enough sentences so you have at least two paragraphs. Feel free to write more.

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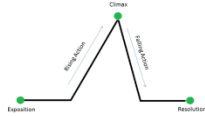
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Return to the online lesson book.



# Make a Simple Plot

Directions: You will now create your own simple plot. Use the following questions to help you. Once you have answered the questions, write a paragraph. Make sure you have all the story elements (setting, character, conflict, plot, and theme) Use the example in *Identify Parts of Plot* to help you get started. Think of a simple short story.

1. What is the exposition?

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2. What is the rising action?

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3. What is the climax of the story?

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4. What is the falling action?

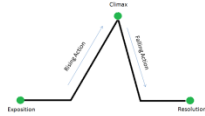
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5. What is the resolution?

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# Plot to Paragraph(s)

Directions: Using your simple plot from the last page, create a short story. Make sure you have all the story elements (setting, character, conflict, plot, and theme).

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