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Plot and Character

- The **plot** is the pattern of events in a story.
- A plot includes (1) a problem or **conflict**, (2) **rising action**, as the conflict builds, (3) a **climax**, when the problem or conflict is faced, and (4) a **resolution**, when the problem or conflict is solved.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram by filling in the elements of the story.

Julia was worried about the school fundraiser. She was one of the organizers, but it didn't seem that much had been organized. She spent Saturday afternoon helping the other volunteers make signs, set up tables in the gym, and hang decorations. Suddenly, she realized

that they had forgotten an important part of the fundraiser: the bake sale! Nobody had baked anything yet. Julia called seven of her friends and got them to agree to bake things for the sale. She took a deep breath. Maybe the fundraiser would be a success, after all.

Problem or Conflict

1.

Rising Action

2.

Rising Action

The volunteers set up tables.

Rising Action

3.

Climax

4.

Resolution

5.



Home Activity Your child analyzed the plot of a short passage. Discuss a story with your child and identify its problem or conflict, rising action, climax, and resolution.