



Story elements

Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Practice

A parent or tutor should read to the student and help the student to record their answers.

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 The middle of a story is called the **plot**.

There is usually a *problem* in the middle of a story.  
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Listen to the story. What is the *problem* in the middle of this story?

Bunny and Crow live in the forest. Bunny has soft white fur and long floppy ears. She lives in a nice little house under a rock. She likes to hop through the bushes. She likes to visit her animal friends. But she always wondered what the world outside the forest was like.

Crow has shiny black feathers. His house is a nice nest at the top of a tree. He likes to fly high above the forest. He likes to fly over rivers and towns outside the forest.

One day, Bunny saw Crow sitting in a tree. "Hello Crow!" she called. "Can you tell me what the world is like outside the forest?" So Crow told Bunny all about the rivers and towns outside the forest. Bunny and Crow became good friends

1. What is the *problem* in the middle of this story?

Circle the best answer.

Crow doesn't like his house in the treetop.	Bunny wants to know what the world is like outside the forest.	Bunny doesn't have any friends.
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Listen to the story. What is the *problem* in the middle of this story?

Sammy is a funny little monkey. He lives in a zoo. He likes to eat bananas and play in the treetops. There are lots of other little monkeys in the monkey yard. They like to play on the rope swings and chase each other around.

One day, the zoo keepers had to take down the swings because the ropes were getting old. They might break, and the monkeys might get hurt. Sammy was sad. He sat down under a tree.

Then another little monkey ran over to Sammy. "Race you to the top of this tree!" the little monkey said. Sammy jumped up. He liked this new game! Soon all the monkeys were racing each other up the trees. They all liked this new game.

2. What is the *problem* in the middle of this story?

Circle the best answer.

The zoo keepers took down the rope swings.	Sammy doesn't have any friends to play with.	Sammy doesn't like to eat bananas.
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3. What is one of your favorite stories?

4. What is the *problem* in the middle of that story?

Answer Key

1. Bunny wants to know what the world is like outside the forest.
2. The zoo keepers took down the rope swings.
3. Discuss the student's responses.