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Character and Plot

- A **character** is a person or animal in a story.
- The **plot** is the pattern of events in a story.

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

Becky sat in front of me in class, and I knew she was cheating. I wanted her to stop. When we passed our homework to the front, she'd quickly copy mine and turn in her paper like it was her work. I knew I should tell the teacher, but I was afraid of being called a snitch. Finally, I got an idea. One night, I wrote two copies of my homework. One version had the correct answers. The other had answers that sounded good, but were wrong.

The next day, I gave my real homework to my friend, Taka, in the front row. "When the homework passes to you, switch mine with this copy," I said. Taka knew about Becky. "Sure, Audrey!" he agreed. The teacher corrected our homework and returned it at the end of class. "Becky," he asked, handing back "her" homework, "were you asleep when you did this work?" Becky stared at the big "zero" at the top of her page in disbelief. She never copied my homework again.

Characters in the Story

1. _____

Problem or Conflict

2. _____

Rising Action

3. _____

Climax

4. _____

Resolution

5. _____

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Home Activity Your child identified characters and plot details in a short passage. Discuss the plot of a favorite book or movie with your child, analyzing how its events lead toward the resolution of the problem or conflict established in the beginning of the story