

The **conflict** is the **main problem**.

The **resolution** is the way the **conflict is solved**.

▶ The **resolution** often **happens toward the end of a story**.

The Astrologer adapted from Aesop's fables

¹A man who lived a long time ago believed that he could read the future in the stars. ²He called himself an astrologer.

³One evening he was walking along the open road. ⁴**His eyes were fixed on the stars when all at once, down he went into a hole full of mud and water.** ⁵There he cried for help and madly clawing at the slippery sides of the hole in his effort to climb out.

⁶**His cries soon brought the villagers running.** ⁷**As they pulled him out of the mud, one of them said: "You pretend to read the future in the stars, and yet you fail to see what is at your feet!"** ⁸**This may teach you to pay more attention to what is right in front of you."**

⁹The astrologer replied, "You are correct. ¹⁰What use is it to read the stars, when I can't see what's right here on the earth?"

CONFLICT

The astrologer was not paying attention as he walked and fell into the hole.

RESOLUTION

The villagers heard his plea for help and assisted him out of the hole.



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Which might be another resolution for the story? Explain.

A The astrologer realized that he must pay attention to his surroundings.

B The astrologer helped the villagers learn about how to navigate using the stars.

What is the difference between conflict and resolution?

1. Read the question and what you need to find. (underline)
2. Determine the answer. (box it)

My Mother's Car

¹Jake lived with his mother just outside of town. ²One day, Jake heard his mother crying. ³"What's wrong, Mom?" asked Jake. ⁴"I hate to see you sad; can I do something to help?"

⁵"Our car won't run anymore, and I can't get to work," Jake's mother said. ⁶Jake thought for a while, and finally he smiled.

⁷He said, "Mr. Sanchez, our neighbor, fixes cars; maybe he will help us." ⁸Jake went to see Mr. Sanchez. ⁹He came right over and fixed the car. ¹⁰Jake and his mom happily thanked Mr. Sanchez.

1 What was the main conflict facing Jake and his mother?

- A Jake's mother didn't like the color of her car.
- B Jake lives outside of town.
- C Their car was not working.
- D Jake's mother didn't like her job.

2 What was Jake's and his mother's resolution?

- A Jake and his mom thanked Mr. Sanchez.
- B Jake asked Mr. Sanchez to repair the car.
- C Jake bought his mom a new car.
- D Jake's mother lost her job.

The Hero, Paul Revere

¹On April 18, 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the British Army began marching out of Boston, Massachusetts. ²It was Paul Revere's job to warn the colonist militia₁ that the British were headed for Concord. ³Paul had told his friend, Robert Newman, to hang a number of lanterns in the belfry₂ of the Old North Church in Boston when he saw the British coming. ⁴As soon as Paul saw the lanterns, he rode out all night to warn the colonists. ⁵Because of Revere's efforts to warn the militia, they were able to face the British at the Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19.

3 What was the main conflict facing Paul Revere?

- A The colonist militia were fighting the British.
- B America was at war.
- C Robert Newman needed to hang lanterns.
- D He needed to warn the militia about the British.

4 What was Paul Revere's resolution?

- A He went and talked to the British.
- B The British were headed to Concord.
- C He rode through the night to alert the colonists.
- D He saw lanterns in the belfry.

Skill Closure

1. Read the question and what you need to find. (underline)
2. Determine the answer. (box it)

Rachel's Biggest Night

Rachel had wanted to become a singer all her life. The school was having a talent night, but Rachel didn't have a nice dress to wear on that special night. Rachel decided to work every day after school to buy a beautiful dress.

5 What was the Rachel's conflict?

- A She wanted to become a singer.
- B She didn't have a nice dress.
- C She didn't have a ride to the show.
- D She needed a good voice.

6 What was Rachel's resolution?

- A She took voice lessons.
- B She started working after school to earn money.
- C She decided not to participate in the talent show.
- D She made a dress to wear during the talent show.

Concept Closure



Writing

Read and determine the conflict. (underline)

Manoj's Present

Finally, Manoj was having his birthday party. He received lots of presents including a new skateboard. Manoj decided to get on it right away, but he couldn't keep his balance. He kept on falling all the time, and he felt that everyone was just laughing at him.

Write a resolution to the problem.

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about determining conflict and resolution in a story?

Word Bank

conflict
main problem
resolution
solved

Read the question and underline what you need to find. Then, box the answer.

The Ballad of Mulan

¹A young woman named Mulan lived a long time ago in China. ²During this time, China was at war. ³All men were ordered by the Emperor to join the war. ⁴Mulan's father was included, even though he was well into old age. ⁵Her father had been a great warrior once, but Mulan feared that he would not live through this one. ⁶She asked the other soldiers if she could join the war, but she was turned away. ⁷Determined not to be defeated, Mulan decided on a plan.

⁸She knew she would have to be extra skilled with a sword in order to win the soldiers' respect, so Mulan trained in secret, for many days. Mulan, then, stole her father's battle garments, before joining the soldiers. ⁹The soldiers had no idea she was a woman.

1 What was Mulan's main conflict?

- A Women were not allowed to be soldiers.
- B China was at war.
- C She was forced to train to become a soldier.
- D She fought with great courage.

2 What was Mulan's resolution?

- A She convinced the soldiers that she was a good warrior.
- B She transformed herself into a warrior.
- C She decided her father should go to war instead of her.
- D She decided to stay at home and to forget about wars.



Listening

Listen carefully to the story. Answer the questions.

What was the conflict of the story?

What was a resolution that did not solve the conflict?

What other resolution did not solve the conflict?

What was a resolution that solved the conflict?

**Reading****Read the text. Determine the conflict and write a resolution. Read it one more time.****The Dilemma**

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 Writing

Determine the conflict, and write it using your own words.

The Fox and the Crow

A crow was sitting on a branch of a tree with a piece of cheese in her beak, when a sly₁ Fox observed her and set his wits₂ to work to discover some way of getting the cheese.

Coming and standing under the tree he looked up and said, "What a noble bird I see above me! Her beauty is without equal, the hue of her plumage is exquisite. If only her voice is as sweet as her looks are fair, she ought without doubt to be Queen of the Birds.

The conceited₃ Crow was hugely flattered by this, and just to show the Fox that she could sing, she gave a loud caw. Down came the cheese, and the Fox, snatched it up, and said, "You have a voice, madam, I see; what you want is wits."

Determine the resolution, and write it using your own words.
