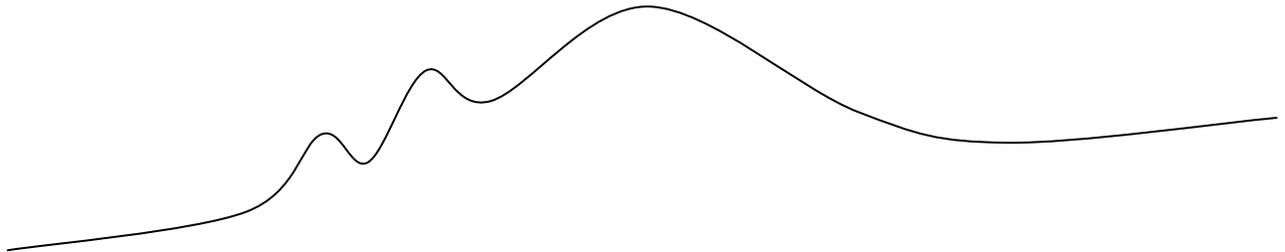


# Short Story Elements

**1** \_\_\_\_\_ This term refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ that take place in a story. It answers the questions “\_\_\_\_\_?”

Typically the plot has:

_____ presents the basic story and characters	_____ reveals conflict and problems through _____	_____ known as the most _____ part of the story.	_____ ties up the loose ends	_____ ends the story; it doesn't necessarily make everything okay.
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**2** \_\_\_\_\_ Part of plot, this term gives a preview of \_\_\_\_\_ in the story.

**3** \_\_\_\_\_ Part of plot, this term gives a back story of \_\_\_\_\_ and that give an idea of the significance of what's happening now.

**4** \_\_\_\_\_ The issue to be resolved in the story. There are different types of conflict that occur, including:

- person vs.** \_\_\_\_\_ struggle with someone else
- person vs.** \_\_\_\_\_ struggle in the character's own mind
- person vs.** \_\_\_\_\_ struggle with school, the law, etc.
- person vs.** \_\_\_\_\_ struggle with environment, weather, etc.
- person vs.** \_\_\_\_\_ struggle with the supernatural like god, fate, etc.
- person vs.** \_\_\_\_\_ struggle with a man-made object

**5** \_\_\_\_\_: The main character in a story.  
\_\_\_\_\_ : The character who acts in opposition to the main character.  
• Not necessarily “the bad guy,” but sometimes is.

**6** \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_ a story takes place. Time includes \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_...  
The \_\_\_\_\_ of the story's action. Place is the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_...  
The \_\_\_\_\_ of the place. Atmosphere includes \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_...

**7** \_\_\_\_\_ A general \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ dealt with in a story. Example: **LOVE**

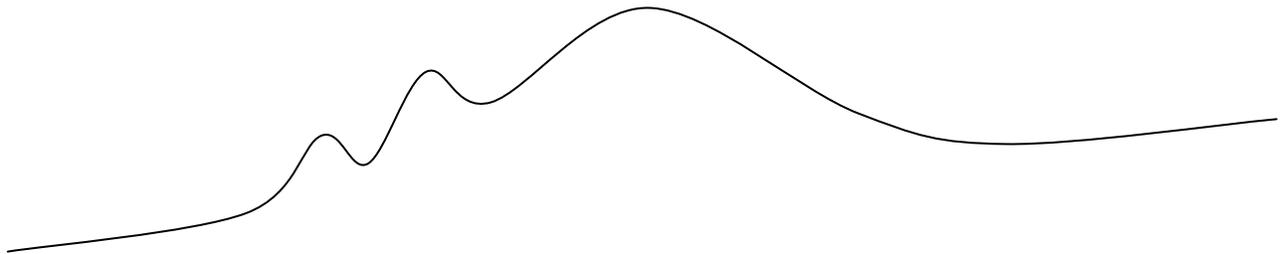
**8** \_\_\_\_\_ Refers to the author's \_\_\_\_\_ about the topic. Example: **Love hurts**  
Example: **All's fair in love and war**

## Short Story Elements

**1 PLOT** This term refers to the **events** that take place in a story. It answers the questions **“what happened?”**

**Typically the plot has:**

<p><b>INTRODUCTION</b> presents the basic story and characters</p>	<p><b>RISING ACTION</b> reveals conflict and problems through <b>complicating incidents</b></p>	<p><b>CLIMAX</b> known as the most <b>emotionally intense</b> part of the story.</p>	<p><b>FALLING ACTION</b> ties up the loose ends</p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION</b> ends the story; it doesn't necessarily make everything okay.</p>
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**2 FORESHADOWING** Part of plot, this term gives a preview of **what will happen later** in the story.

**3 FLASHBACK** Part of plot, this term gives a back story of events that took place earlier and that give an idea of the significance of what's happening now.

**4 CONFLICT** The issue to be resolved in the story.

There are different types of conflict that occur, including:

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|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>person vs. person</b>       | struggle with someone else                          |
| <b>person vs. self</b>         | struggle in the character's own mind                |
| <b>person vs. society</b>      | struggle with school, the law, etc.                 |
| <b>person vs. nature</b>       | struggle with environment, weather, etc.            |
| <b>person vs. supernatural</b> | struggle with the supernatural like god, fate, etc. |
| <b>person vs. technology</b>   | struggle with a man-made object                     |

**5 CHARACTER** **Protagonist:** The main character in a story.

**Antagonist:** The character who acts in opposition to the main character.

- Not necessarily “the bad guy,” but sometimes is.

**6 SETTING** The **TIME** a story takes place. Time includes **year, time period, time of day, season...**  
 The **PLACE** of the story's action. Place is the **room, building, city, country...**  
 The **ATMOSPHERE** of the place. Atmosphere includes **lighting, sounds, colours...**

**7 TOPIC** A general **idea** or **subject** dealt with in a story. Example: **LOVE**

**8 THEME** Refers to the author's **main message** about the topic. Example: **Love hurts**  
Example: **All's fair in love and war**