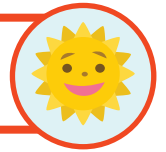




Three Sentence Summary



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Directions: Read the story. Then, complete the questions below. Remember, a **summary** is a brief statement that tells the main ideas of a text.

It was a warm summer evening, and Georgia was riding her bike with her best friend Jenny. It was beginning to get dark, and Georgia knew her dad would worry if she stayed out much longer. "We should head back," she suggested to Jenny, "we can ride again tomorrow."

"Oh, come on!" said Jenny, "Let's ride a little farther. We're almost to the old pond. I want to see the fireflies!" She giggled and rode off without waiting for Georgia's reply.

"Wait!" shouted Georgia, "You can't go alone!" She jumped back on her bike and quickly sped after Jenny, who was already a speck in the distance.

Georgia pedaled faster, trying to keep up with Jenny. It was so dark now that Georgia could barely see the trail. She thought of her dad at home, who would surely be out looking for her. She frowned, thinking how upset he would be that she wasn't home, but she continued riding. She knew Jenny was a strong bicyclist, but she never paid attention to her surroundings and had a knack for getting lost. Georgia was slower, but always knew the way home.

Suddenly, Georgia gasped. She saw Jenny lying on the trail up ahead. "Jenny, are you okay?" she asked, jumping off her bike and kneeling next to her friend.

"You were right," Jenny sobbed, clutching her knee. "It was too dark on the trail and I didn't see that pothole until it was too late. I cut my knee when I fell, but I think I can still ride home."

Georgia helped Jenny get back on her bike and said, "Let's stick together this time. I know a shortcut."

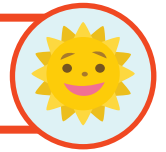
Georgia arrived home and found her dad outside with a flashlight. "Where have you been?" He asked, pointing the light towards her. "I was worried sick!"

She squinted into the bright light and explained that Jenny had gotten hurt. "It won't happen again," she promised, giving her dad a reassuring hug.

"Good," her dad hugged her back, "now let's go eat dinner!"



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POSSIBLE ANSWERS
(Answers will vary)

Somebody: Who is the main character?

Georgia

Wanted: What did the main character want?

She wanted to go home before it got dark.

But: What was the problem?

Her friend, Jenny, rode away and got hurt.

So: How did the character try to solve the problem?

She followed her friend and helped her get home.

Then: What was the resolution?

Georgia promised her dad she wouldn't be home late again.

Now, write a three sentence summary using your answers and the **key words** above.

Georgia **wanted** to go home before it got dark. **But**, her friend Jenny, rode away and got hurt. **So**, Georgia followed her friend and helped her get home. **Then**, she promised her dad she wouldn't be late again.

