

Elements of a Story

SORT IT OUT!

Teacher Directions:

1. Cut out the character, setting, problem, and solution label cards, and place them in four different locations, or corners, of the room.
2. Cut out the character, setting, problem, and solution cards. There are 32 total.
3. Distribute one card to each student.
4. Point out the four different locations, or corners, of the room, and their story element labels. Instruct students to stand in the location of the room that matches their card. Spot check students to assess their accuracy.
5. Collect the cards, mix them up, and repeat.

Alternate Activities:

- Hand out one or more cards to each student, and instruct them to write a story using the story part(s) on their cards.
- Have students work independently or with a group to sort the entire set of cards into four groups, based on the four story elements.



characters

setting

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problem

solution

the dusty surface of Mars

deep under the sea

at the stroke of midnight

on a sunny, summer day in June

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in the deep, dark forest

a castle high in the mountains

October 31st

the year 2589

three little pigs

Goldilocks

a brother and sister

a sly, slithering snake

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a kindhearted old woman

an evil king

Peter

a silly puppy

a dark, swirling tornado
blew the house away

the princess' diamond necklace
fell into a deep crevice

the big, bad wolf blew
their house down

she ate the bears' porridge
and broke baby bear's chair

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an alien spaceship had its
lasers pointed straight at Earth

the dog was lost and
couldn't find its way home

their kite got stuck in a tree

he broke his mom's favorite vase

they found what they
were looking for

he glued all the broken
pieces back together

she found her way home

the sun came out and
dried up all the rain

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the mouse helped the lion
escape from the hunter's trap

she ran as fast as she could and made
it to school in time

the boy woke up and realized it was
all just a bad dream

the lost fish was reunited
with his worried father

