

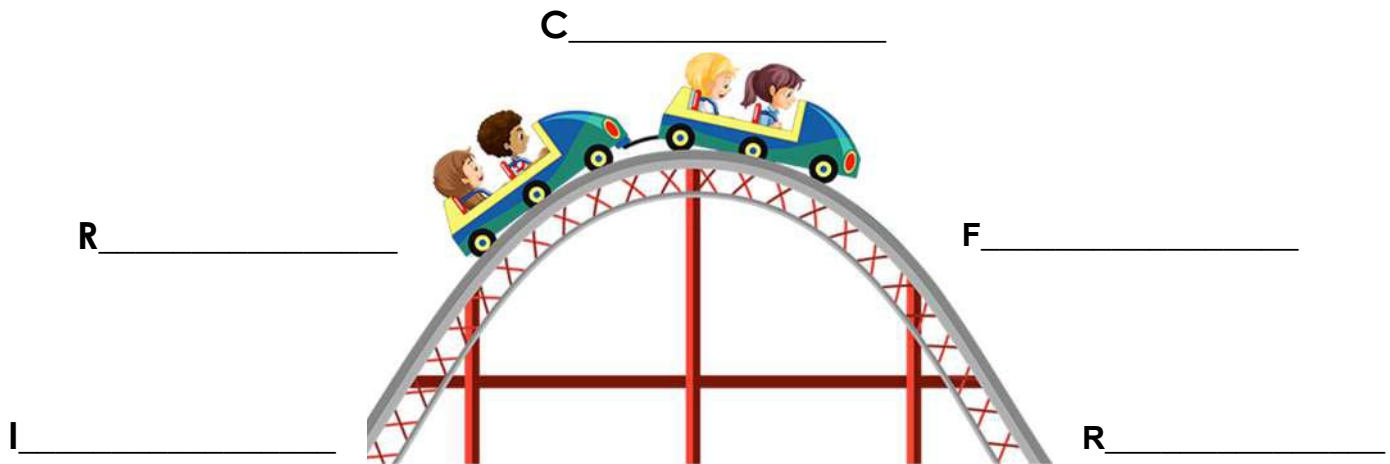
Elements of a story: Plot

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

Plot is all of the action that happens in a story. Most plots have five parts:

- **Introduction:** Meet the characters and learn where and when the story happens
- **Rising Action or Problem:** A problem or challenge makes things interesting
- **Climax:** The most exciting part of the story
- **Falling Action:** The problem starts getting solved
- **Resolution:** The story wraps up, showing what happened at the end

First, label these parts on the plot mountain below:



Next, read this story as you think about its plot:

Eli loves reading and writing stories. He could spend hours reading books and imagining stories in his head. Telling stories was something else, though! There was one thing he didn't like: speaking in front of people! Just the thought of standing in front of his class made his stomach hurt. He would rather write his thoughts down than say them out loud.

One morning, Eli's teacher smiled as she made an announcement. "Next week, each of you will give a short speech about your favorite book!" Eli's stomach twisted into a knot. He wished he could just write a report instead.

As the speech day got closer, Eli felt more and more nervous. What if he forgot his words? What if everyone laughed at him? His mom suggested practicing in front of the mirror. His best friend, Jake, even offered to listen. Every time Eli tried, though, his voice felt stuck.

The morning of the speech, Eli's hands were sweaty as he walked to the front of the class. His heart pounded. He looked at his classmates, took a deep breath...and his mind went blank! For a second, he thought he would run back to his seat. Then, he remembered what his mom had said: "Just talk like you're telling a friend about your book!"

Eli took another deep breath and started talking. Slowly, the words came back. He spoke about his favorite book, why he loved it and even acted out his favorite part. His classmates didn't laugh at him. They actually smiled and listened!

When he finished, the class clapped. Eli grinned as he walked back to his seat. He had done it! Maybe giving a speech wasn't so bad after all.



Then, describe the story's plot and fill in the blanks below:

Introduction: At school, Eli loves books but dislikes public speaking.

**Rising Action/
Problem:**

Climax: Eli freezes but remembers his mom's advice.

Falling Action:

Resolution:

Answers

First, label these parts on the plot mountain below:



Introduction:	<u>At school, Eli loves books but dislikes public speaking.</u>
Rising Action/ Problem:	<u>Eli must give a speech at school.</u>
Climax:	<u>Eli freezes but remembers his mom's advice.</u>
Falling Action:	<u>Eli speaks and his classmates listen.</u>
Resolution:	<u>Eli finishes and feels proud.</u>