

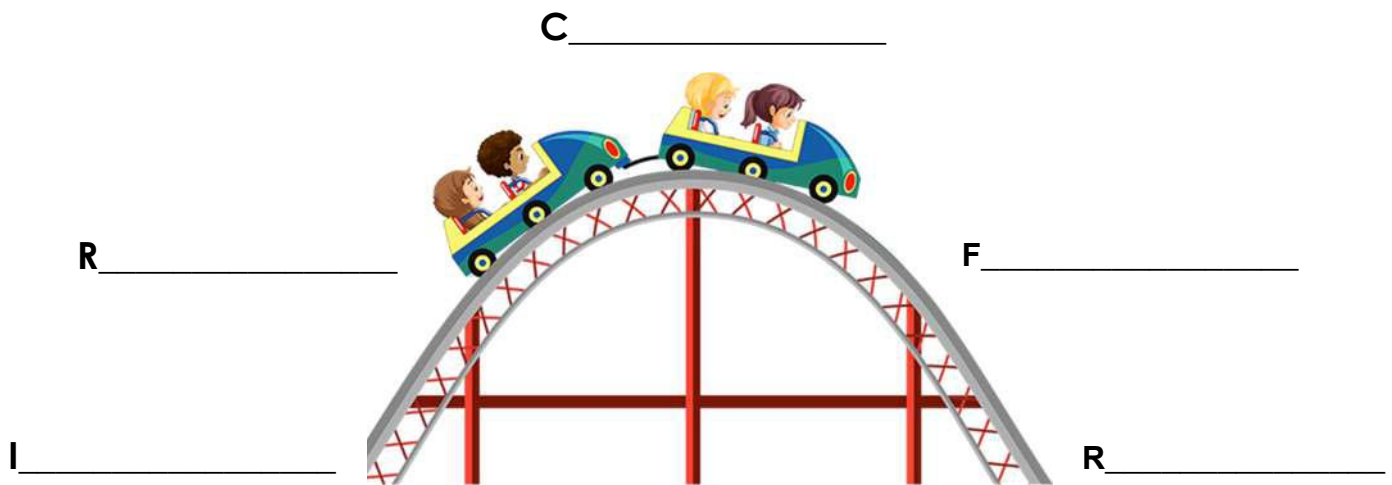
Elements of a story: Plot

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:

Sofia's school party was coming up, and she wanted to bring something delicious. Cookies! Everyone loved cookies. She didn't want to bring just a few cookies, though. Sofia wanted to bake enough for the whole class!

Sofia got to work mixing, measuring and scooping dough onto trays. The kitchen smelled amazing as the cookies came out of the oven, golden and perfect. At first, she was happy that everything seemed to be cooking well...but then, she started to notice a problem.



There was so much cookie dough! Tray after tray, she kept baking. The counter filled up and then the kitchen table. She stacked plates of cookies on a chair...and then another chair!

"Hm, this is A LOT of cookies," she thought.

She pulled another batch from the oven and turned to look around. She had nowhere left to put them. The kitchen was completely full. She had officially made WAY too many!

What was she going to do? She didn't want them to go to waste.

Then, an idea popped into her head.

The next day, after setting out cookies for her class at the party, Sofia grabbed the extra trays and ran to the next classroom. "Who wants free cookies?" she called. The students cheered as she passed them out.

She kept going, delivering cookies to teachers, students, the principal and the janitors. Little by little, the cookies disappeared.

By the end of the day, her trays were empty. When she walked back to class, her teacher smiled. "That was a great idea, Sofia."

Sofia grinned. The cookies were gone, and she had made a lot of people happy!

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

Introduction:	<u>Sofia has a school party coming up and decides to bake cookies.</u>
Rising Action/ Problem:	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Climax:	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Falling Action:	<u>The next day, Sofia decides to bring the extras to share with people at her school.</u>
Resolution:	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Answers

First, label these parts on the plot mountain below:



Introduction:	<u>Sofia has a school party coming up and decides to bake cookies.</u>
Rising Action/ Problem:	<u>Sofia starts baking and slowly starts to realize that she has made too many.</u>
Climax:	<u>Sofia makes so many cookies that she runs out of space and doesn't know what to do with them all!</u>
Falling Action:	<u>The next day, Sofia decides to bring the extras to share with people at her school.</u>
Resolution:	<u>She gives out all the extra cookies, and Sofia feels happy that she shared them.</u>