

# Literary Elements • Plot

- The **plot** of a story is what happens in a story.
- The character has a problem to solve. The main events of the story tell how the character attempts to solve the problem.
- The resolution of the story is how the problem gets solved.

**Directions:** Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Everyone loved the class bunny Otis. On the last day of school, Mrs. Larson asked who would like to take Otis home for the summer. Two hands shot up. The hands belonged to Callie and Buddy, who were next door neighbors and best friends. “I’ll let you two decide what to do,” Mrs. Larson said.

Buddy suggested flipping a coin. But just as Buddy was about to toss the coin into the air, Callie stopped him. She was afraid the loser might be angry, and they would both lose their best friend. So Buddy thought of another idea. Since they lived so close, they could take turns keeping Otis. Callie thought that was great. And Otis seemed to like it too!

1. Who are the main characters in the story? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is their problem? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How do they attempt to solve the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How else could they have tried to solve the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How do they resolve the problem in the end? \_\_\_\_\_



**Home Activity** Your child identified the problem, main events, and resolution in the plot of a realistic story. Ask your child to tell you the plot of a story he or she read in school.