

PROBLEM SOLUTION

What is the Problem of a Story?

The **problem** of a story is the trouble or difficulty in which the main character of a story finds himself or herself.

When **reading a story**, you will understand it better if you can identify the problem of the story.

When **writing a story**, in order to make the story more interesting, make sure that the main character has a problem.

What is the Solution of a Story?

The **solution** of a story is the way that the character or characters in the story figure out or solve the problem of the story.

When **reading a story**, make sure to identify the solution to the problem in the story.

When **writing a story**, make sure to figure out a clever way for the characters to solve the problem in the story.

Examples

1] Leslie hid her

Leslie came out

Problem: Ca

Solution: Les

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started to cry. When

2] Kim did not

teacher if she could stay in at recess and do it. Her teacher said, "Yes."

Problem: Kim did not have time to do her Math homework last night.

Solution: Kim stayed in during recess to do her homework.

Try This!

When Bryan got home from school, he wanted a snack. There was nothing he liked in the kitchen. Bryan went to the store and bought a snack.

The problem is that Bryan could find nothing he liked in the kitchen.

- a] true
- b] false

The solution is that Bryan went to sleep.

- a] true
- b] false