

Story Structure

A story has a **beginning** where the characters and setting are introduced, a **middle** where the major events happen, and an **ending** which usually wraps the story up. Read this story and identify these parts.



Maggie and her best friend Jo did everything together.

They were always going on all sorts of adventures.

One sunny afternoon they ventured into the woods.

Maggie ran ahead of Jo and hid in a small cave.

Jo ran right by the cave without noticing. When Jo realized she was alone, she stopped walking.

“Maggie! Where are you?” Jo yelled, her voice beginning to shake. When there was no answer Jo grew frightened.

She slowly crept over to a cave she had passed and looked in.

“Boo!” Maggie shouted.

The two friends laughed and continued exploring the woods.

Check the box if the description is of the beginning, middle or end of the story.

1. Maggie pops out of the cave and the two girls laugh.

beginning

middle

end

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2. Maggie hides in the cave. Jo realizes she is alone and grows afraid.

beginning

middle

end

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3. Maggie and Jo enter the woods together.

beginning

middle

end

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