

IDENTIFYING ELEMENTS OF A PLOT

What to Do with Fido

A-CHOO!! Mario couldn't stop sneezing.

"I'm so glad we have that doctor appointment tomorrow," his mother said, "You must be allergic to something in this house. We need to figure out what's going on."

The next afternoon, Mario and his mother returned home after the doctor appointment. "It'll be okay, Mario. There's nothing you can do about it."

"I can't believe I'm allergic to Fido!" Mario was near tears. "What are we going to do?"

"Well, we need to figure that out with the rest of the family," his mother replied.

There was a knock at the door. Mario's mother opened the door. "Hi Sheila," she greeted their neighbor, "Come on in."

Sheila stepped in. Fido ran to greet her in true form, barking, wiggling, and jumping around her. Sheila loved Fido. She bent over to pet Fido. She looked up and saw Mario's sad face. "What's wrong, Mario?"

Mario's mother answered. "Mario is having a rough day. We just found out that he is allergic to Fido, so unless we choose to have Mario get special shots to combat the allergy, we will have to find somewhere else for Fido to live."

"Well, why don't I take Fido?" Sheila asked. "You know how much Fido loves my dog, Rusty, and then anyone in your family can stop by to visit and play with him whenever they want!"

"Wow, what a generous offer, Sheila. It sounds like a great solution! Let me talk it over with the family, and I'll get back to you soon!" Mario's mother said.

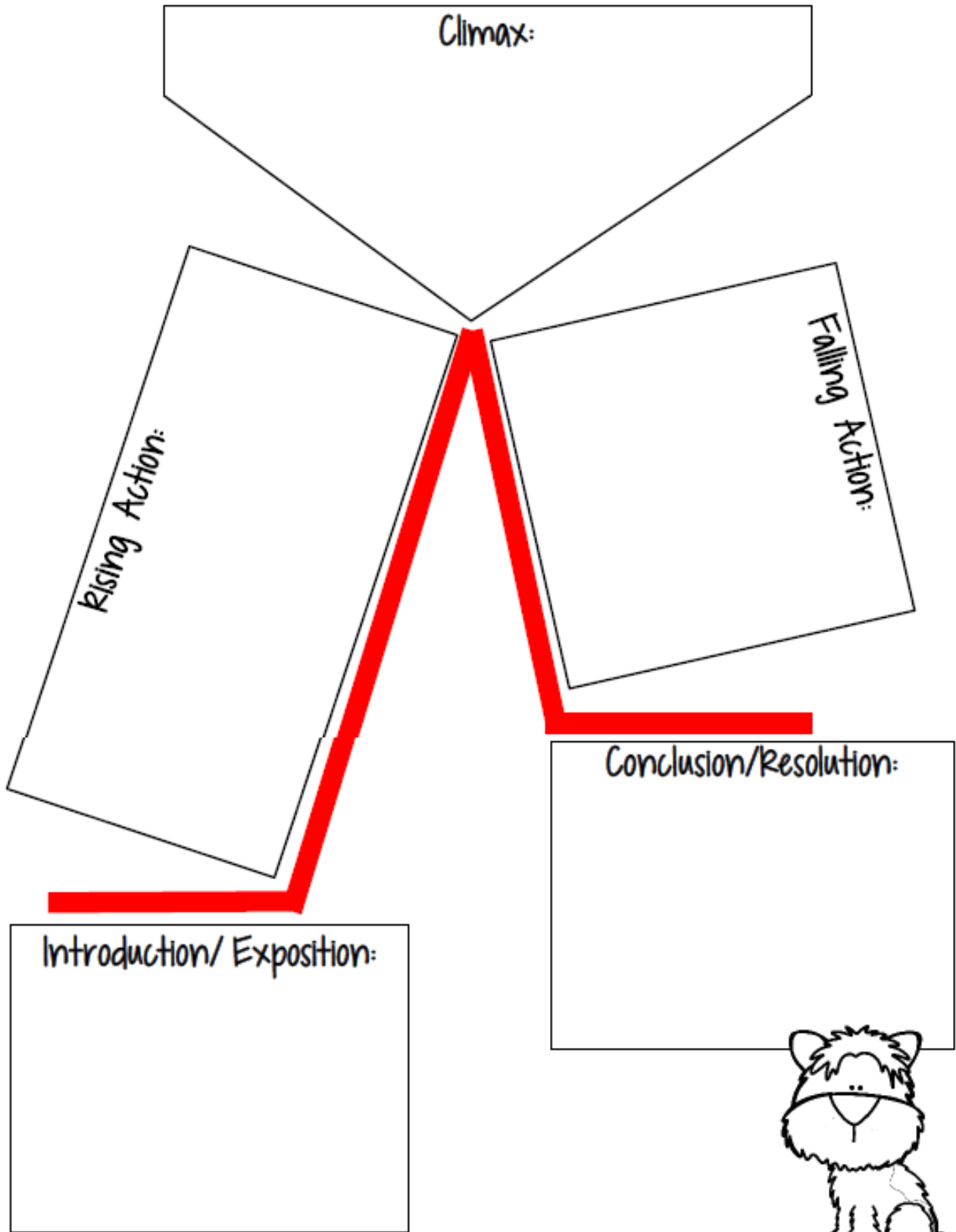
The family discussed the situation at dinner that night. Everyone agreed that it was the perfect solution. They could walk next door to see Fido anytime, Fido would have Rusty for a companion when no one was home during the day, and of course, Mario would stop sneezing at home. It was a winning solution any way they looked at it!

After dinner, they packed up Fido's things and took him to Sheila's house. Sheila and Rusty answered the door, and Fido and Rusty greeted one another enthusiastically.

Mario sneezed. Everyone looked at one another and laughed. Mario's mother exclaimed "How appropriate! It's as if your sneeze said 'And they all lived happily ever after!'"

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Read the short story "What to Do with Fido". Briefly describe the plot elements of the story in the correct boxes below.



<p>Sheila offers to let Fido live with her.</p>	<p>Mario and his mother discuss the offer with the rest of the family at dinner. Everyone agrees that it is the perfect solution.</p>	<p>Mario can't stop sneezing, his mom plans to take him to the doctor to find out what the problem is.</p>
<p>After dinner, the family delivers Fido next door to live with Sheila and Rusty. When Mario sneezes, everyone laughs and recognizes again it's the right thing to do.</p>	<p>They learn from the doctor that Mario is allergic to the family dog, Fido. Mario feels terrible. Neighbor Sheila stops by the house and notices that Mario is upset. Mario's mother tells Sheila about the situation.</p>	