

Plot Vocabulary Definitions

Word	Definition	Examples
character	Anyone in the story.	Maya - new girl at school
climax	The point in the story where the conflict appears to be at the highest point; the most intense action/emotions; right before the conflict starts to get resolved.	When we find out that Maya has moved away, and she will not be returning.
conflict	The problem the character's face in the story; struggle between 2 forces	Maya wants to be Chloe's friend, but Chloe is worried about her reputation.
exposition	background information; includes: setting, characters, and basic situation <u>at the very beginning of the book</u>	Setting: School Characters: Maya & Chloe Basic situation: A new girl arrives at school. She is different because she does not have much money.
external conflict	a problem against an outside force - other characters, nature	Chloe is mean to Maya by refusing to play with her.
falling action	the events that take place as the character is getting closer to solving the conflict	Chloe goes to the pond and thinks about what kindness means.
internal conflict	a problem that a character faces in their mind - fears, emotions, tough decisions	Chloe is worried about what her friends would think of her if she played with Maya.
novel	a long work of fiction; this includes realistic fiction, historical fiction and fantasy	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Wonder, Number the Stars, Harry Potter</i>
plot	The development of the characters, the conflict, and the theme. The events throughout the story.	
resolution	how the conflict is solved; solution.	Maya realizes at the pond that she should be nice to people the first time, because she might not have a second chance
rising action	events in the story that introduce and grow the conflict and lead to the climax.	Chloe and her friends call Maya mean names. Andrew makes fun of Maya, and Chloe tells him that Maya is not her friend.
setting	time and place the story takes place	<i>Each Kindness</i> - School <i>Harry Potter</i> - Wizarding world <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> - Home & School