**Structure of a short story: Plan**

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| ***First Sentence****: direct speech, exclamation, question …* |  |
| ***Beginning (Exposition):***  *What do you need to tell your reader about the characters, setting and plot to keep them engaged?* |  |
| ***Middle (Problem):***  *What do you need to add to keep your reader interested? How can you build suspense/tension?* |  |
| ***Climax:***  *What is the event that occurs before the problem is solved and the readers’ questions are answered?* |  |
| ***Ending (Resolution):***  *How will you end so that the problem is resolved and satisfy the reader? Will you create an unexpected ending?* |  |

You can visualise the story structure as a graph:

Resolution

Exposition

Climax

Problem