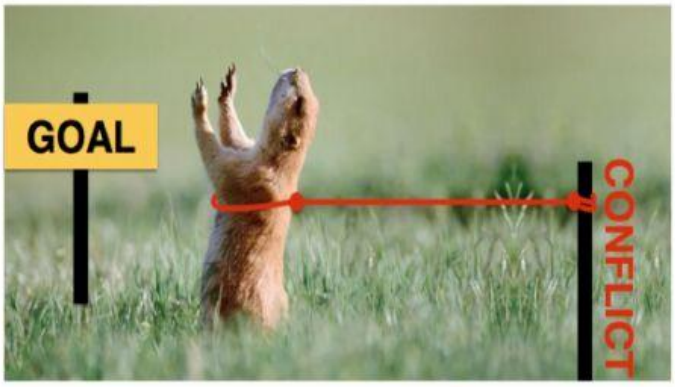
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What is Conflict in Story Writing?



Similar to the experiences of this racoon in the image left. A conflict is any problem or obstacle that prevents a character from reaching their goals.

There are at least six (6) types of conflicts that can be presented in a story but we will start by examining only three (3):

1. Man vs Self- The main character battles with him/ herself.
2. Man vs Man- Two or more characters have a disagreement.
3. Man vs nature- The main character fights to endure or overcome forces of nature.

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Let us now identify the types of conflicts:

Task One: Read the scenarios below and identify the type of conflict being presented by writing it on the lines provided.

Scenarios	Types of conflicts
Kirstin was once teased for being heavy, but then she lost a lot of weight. Now Kirstin is very skinny, but there is just one problem: she still sees an overweight girl when she looks in the mirror. Her friends and family try to convince her of how beautiful she is, but she doesn't believe them.	
Janie is on a whitewater-rafting trip along a choppy river when their guide suddenly has a heart attack. Now she and the other passengers must learn to work together to survive the treacherous rapids. As if things weren't bad enough, some of the passengers have spotted a bear following the confused rafters along the shore. Will Janie make it home safely?	
After breaking his mother's favorite vase, Casey struggles to decide whether he should tell his mother the truth or attempt to hide his mistake and blame the family dog.	
Annie and her family live on a farm in rural Kansas. When a huge storm rolls in suddenly, she and her family must retreat to the shelter, but all the animals are out grazing. Worse still, a tornado has been spotted in their area. Will Annie and her family be able to rustle the livestock into the barn in time?	
Erik is just a regular Viking warrior making a living off of raiding and plundering villages. Erik's career has been going pretty well, until he attempts to raid the small hamlet of Resistia. In Resistia, a brave farmer named William leads the peasants and drives the Vikings out of Resistia in the most embarrassing of fashions. After vowing revenge, Erik and his men return with reinforcements and incendiary weapons. Can Erik and his fellow warriors crush this small farming town?	

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Task Two: Share a personal experience of each type of conflict below. Write it in the box provided.

1. **Man vs Man (2mks)**

2. **Man vs nature (2mks)**

3. **Man vs self (2mks)**

BONUS POINTS (Man vs Society): 2MKS
Share a personal experience about this type of conflict (MAN VS SOCIETY).

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