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Story Elements



Read the stories. Write the characters, setting and problem in each story.

A Bark in the Night

As the sun began to set, Matt and his Mama sat reading books. Ernie, their pug dog was snoring on the couch. It was getting colder outside and the sky had turned gray.

“Looks like we’re in for quite a storm!” Mama said. The storm rolled in fast and strong. Rain started pounding the windows as lightning and thunder crashed the sky.

“Don’t be afraid, Matt,” Mama said. Suddenly, Ernie jumped off the couch, barking furiously as he ran into the kitchen. Ernie rarely barked. Matt grabbed Mama’s hand as they chased after Ernie.

1. Who are the characters in this story?

2. Choose the setting of the story.

3. Describe the problem in the story.

On Second Thought

Zach was so excited when he heard about Mike’s party that he couldn’t wait to get home and tell his mom. When she asked what time the party was to start, Zach hesitated. “I don’t know,” he confessed. “He hasn’t actually invited me yet.”

The next few days at school, Mike never said a word. By Thursday, Zach decided to just ask him about the party. Mike stammered, "Well...uhh...I can't invite you, but I can't tell you why. I'm sorry."

Zach was crushed. The whole way home, he tried not to cry.

4. Who are the characters in this story?

5. Give two possible settings of the story.

6. Describe the problem in the story.
