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CLASS:

Hot Cross Buns

After reading the short story below, complete the organizer. Then, use the keywords (wanted, but, so, then) to summarize, or retell, the story in the space provided.

"Oh no!" groaned Kendall, "Why can't I get this right?" Kendall was a fourth grader at Evergreen Academy, and even though she was a good student, she was unhappy at school. She wanted nothing more than to play the recorder for the school band, just like her older brother. After attending band tryouts for months, she still hadn't been accepted. Still, she was determined. She practiced the song Hot Cross Buns every night and she carried her recorder with her everywhere she went. Kendall could play perfectly at home in front of her parents, but every time she tried to play in front of Ms. Melody, the band teacher, she messed up. Today was her last chance to impress Ms. Melody.

As she practiced in the hall before her audition, Kendall exclaimed, "I have an idea!" She took out a piece of paper and wrote down the notes for the song. Then, she highlighted C note, the one she kept missing during tryouts. "Now I'll get it right!" Kendall grinned. She walked into the music room and smiled bravely at Ms. Melody. She set her highlighted paper on the music stand and started to play.

"Bravo! That was the best rendition of Hot Cross Buns I've ever heard!" said Ms. Melody when Kendall had finished. "Congratulations! You are the newest member of our band!"

Somebody

Who is the main character?

Wanted

What does the main character want?

But

What is the problem?

So

How does the character try to solve the problem?

Then

How does the story end?

Summary: