

Short story: Cheat!

Read the sentences below and label them according to their plot in the story.

Exposition

Rising action

Climax

Falling action

Resolution

Lynne comes across Bradburie's story about an elephant which escaped in a park. She assumes that Geoff has cheated by copying this story. She debates on whether to tell Headmaster Velos and how to do it.

Lynne keeps her short story and puts aside her disappointment and carries on with her school work. She concentrates on making the school basketball team. She even enjoys Geoff's jokes about how the headmaster chose the winner.

Headmaster Velos tells Lynne that Geoff feels his story of the elephant is based on a story he read three years ago. As such his story may not be original and so the results of the competition is to be reversed. The story ends with a twist as Lynne begins to wonder her story's originality.

Lynne waits impatiently for Headmaster Velos to announce the results of the short story competition. He announces Geoff as the winner with Lynne at the second place. Lynne is disappointed but hides her feelings as she congratulates Geoff.

After a class discussion on careers, Lynne mentions Bradburie in a sudden burst of anger. Lynne notices that Geoff looks disturbed and feels that the truth will be out. Lynne is called to the headmaster's office. Geoff is there too and the medal is on a Bradburie's book on the table.