Comprehension Notes (Copy the Notes) 22.10.21

THE PLOT

Stories have a beginning, a middle, and an ending.

The beginning of a story tells you who the story is mostly about, and where the story mostly takes place.

The **characters** are who the story is mostly about.

The **setting** is where the story mostly takes place.

The middle of a story tells you the things that happen in the story.

The **events** are the things that happen in the story.

The **plot** is all of the events in the story. The plot usually includes some kind of problem.

The ending of a story tells how the problem is solved.

The **problem solution** is how the problem is solved

Think about these story elements as you read this story.

The Golden Fish Keeps a Promise

Upon a certain island in the middle of the sea lived a fisherman and his wife. They were so poor they often went without bread when the fishing did not go well. One day when the man had been fishing for many hours without any luck, he hooked a small golden fish with eyes as bright as diamonds. "Let me go, kind fisherman," the little creature cried. "I would not even make a single mouthful for your dinner." The man was so moved by the beauty of the golden fish that he let him go. Before he swam away, the fish promised that he would come back if the fisherman ever needed help.

The fisherman laughed, for he could not think how a little fish could help him, other than providing a bit of food. He went home and told his wife about his adventure. "What!" she cried. "You let him go? We have not a scrap of food in the house, and I suppose that now we must starve." The

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fisherman's wife continued to fuss at him until, finally, he decided to go and put the little fish to the test. He hurried down to the seashore, and stood at the edge of the waves. "Golden Fish, Golden Fish! Come and help me, please," he called. The last word was not out of his mouth when the little fish popped its head up out of the water. "You see I have kept my promise," said the fish. "How can I help you, my friend?" And when the fisherman made his request, the fish simply said, "Don't worry about that. There will be plenty of food when you get home." And strangely enough, when the fisherman arrived home, there was a basket of bread on the table, and cheese and fruit as well.

1. Who is the main character in this story? _____

2. Where does this story mostly take place? _____

3. What problem does one or more of the characters have?

The fisherman and his wife do not have much food to eat.	The fisherman does not want to let the golden fish go free.	The golden fish does not keep his promise to help the fisherman.

4. Which event happens **first** in the story?

   A. The fisherman's wife fusses at him for letting the fish go free.
   B. The fisherman catches a small golden fish.
   C. The fisherman calls for the golden fish to come and help him.

5. Which event happens **second** in the story?

   A. The fisherman's wife fusses at him for letting the fish go free.
   B. The fisherman catches a small golden fish.
   C. The fisherman calls for the golden fish to come and help him.

6. Which event happens **third** in the story?

   A. The fisherman's wife fusses at him for letting the fish go free.
   B. The fisherman catches a small golden fish.
   C. The fisherman calls for the golden fish to come and help him.

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7. How is one of the characters' problem solved?

   A. The fisherman catches the golden fish again.
   B. The fisherman asks the golden fish for help, and food appears on the table.
   C. The fisherman's wife asks the golden fish for help.

8. Which character trait describes the fisherman? _____

9. Which character trait describes the golden fish? _____

10. Why was the wife fussing at her husband in the story? _____

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B. LANGUAGE SKILLS

11. Write a short vowel '**o**' word from the story. _____

12. Write a short vowel '**e**' word from the story. _____

13. Write a short vowel '**i**' word from the story. _____

14. Write 2 long vowel **ā** words from the story. _____ _____

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