









Types of Conflict

Conflict- a literary element involving a struggle between two opposing forces

Type	Description	Example
 <p>person VS. person</p>	The main character clashes with another character.	Maddie and Claire compete for the final spot on the cheerleading squad.
 <p>person VS. Self</p>	The main character battles himself/herself.	Jacob must choose whether to tell his mom about his bad choice.
 <p>person VS. Nature</p>	The main character fights to endure or overcome forces of nature.	Mark and Kyle are in the woods playing when they realize a tornado is coming.
 <p>person VS. Society</p>	The main character challenges a law, tradition, or institution.	A group of students gather to protest police brutality.
 <p>person VS. Supernatural</p>	The main character resists forces that are not of this world.	Cassie is haunted by the ghost of her former best friend.
 <p>person VS. Technology</p>	The main character resists technological forces.	John has a project to do for school, but his computer keeps crashing.

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Protagonist - central character

Antagonist - opposing force

Identify the protagonist, antagonist, and type of conflict in each selection.

1. In the year 2085, the world is completely dependent on computers and robots. Quinn is flying to school when all the machines start to attack people after a major computer virus. Quinn must figure out a way to save the world he lives in after the machines turn against the humans.

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2. William and his friends were playing football in the house and accidentally broke his mom's favorite vase that she and his dad had gotten on a vacation to South America. William struggles with whether to tell his mom the truth or blame the family dog.



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3. Aiden the Aviator is the best fighter pilot in the United States Air Force. He has perfected his flying tricks, like taking down an enemy jet while doing a barrel roll. On one of his missions of escorting the President of the United States to a military base, he encounters a new enemy - aliens! Will Aiden be able to outmaneuver the alien pilots or will he fail in saving the President and the earth?



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4. John had been teased since he was young for being a little on the chunky side. Recently he started working out and lost a lot of weight. Unfortunately when John looks in the mirror, he still sees himself as overweight. His family and friends try to tell him how great he looks, but he does not believe them. Will he be able to realize that he looks great, or will he continue to struggle with his body image?

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5. Kay loves her dog and thinks he is the best dog in the entire world. Actually, he is one of the only dogs in the world. That is because dogs are not actually allowed in Kay's world because people believe dogs spread diseases. Kay's dog will be executed if her dog is discovered. She learns of a mysterious underground dog owners club and joins the fight to legalize dogs in their world. Will Kay and her new friends be able to prove to the world that dogs are actually friendly and safe?

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6. Everything in the world was going wonderfully for Hudson until yesterday when he found out that his eyes were changing to blue. Normally this would not be a major issue, but in Hudson's world, people discriminate against people with blue eyes. They are not allowed to vote, hold public office, and are made to do the worst jobs for the least pay, if they find a job. Hudson wants to have surgery to change his eye color, but his grandfather, who also has blue eyes, encourages him to fight for his rights. With his grandfather's support, Hudson joins a resistance movement and becomes the poster child for blue-eyed rights. How will this attention affect his family, especially his parents who wanted to hide who he was?



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7. Mark and Kyle were on a whitewater-rafting trip with their youth group when their guide suddenly had a heart attack. The youth must learn to work together to survive the treacherous rapids. If things were not already bad enough, a major storm erupts. Will the group make it home safely?

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8. Evan has won second place in the Science Fair for the last two years. The only person who has beat him is Matt. To make it worse, Matt gloated and held his victories over Evan's head. This year, Evan plans to stop at nothing to beat Matt. He has even gone as far to enlist the help of a Nobel Prize nominated scientist who was banished from the scientific community for his rouge experiments. Will Evan and his mad scientist partner be able to defeat Matt at this year's Science Fair?

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1. Erin has almost made it through middle school. She wants to go to high school more than anything in the whole world, but she has been playing around in reading class a lot. Now she has to get a perfect score on her final exam or she will not be passed on to 9th grade. With the help of a foreign exchange student in her class, Erin studies harder than she ever has. Will it be enough?



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2. Jennifer wants nothing more than to see her children happy, but her youngest child has asked for the most impossible toy to find this Christmas. She has spent hours of searching to no avail. Finally, she finds one at a department store, but another mom, Lisa, finds it at the same time. Lisa's daughter wants the toy just as bad. Jennifer battles Lisa to get the hot item, but also learns a lesson about life and holiday spirit along the way.

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3. Cody and Jen bought their dream home after years of saving. It was a two-story beach home in a secluded area. They thought it was absolutely perfect until they noticed termites. At first, there were only a few nibbling at the back deck, but soon there were thousands. Cody and Jen go to war with the termites. They eventually win the fight, but it costs them their dream home.

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4. In the year 1840, Sally is tired of being treated like a second-class citizen. As a married woman, she does not have the right to own property and has no legal claim to any money she earns. She meets with other concerned activists, including Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott. Together they organize a convention in Seneca Falls, New York with a plan to change the world and earn equal rights for women.



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5. After a serious car accident, Bryan is left in a wheel chair. Now the severity of the situation has sunk in and Bryan goes into a deep depression. He is no longer interested in hanging out with his friends and always feels like burden wherever he goes. His friends and family plan an intervention to show Bryan how much he means to them, but will it be enough?

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6. When Jason and his buddies accept a dare to stay in an old abandoned house, they knew it would be scary, but had no idea just how scary it would actually be! Jason's friends start disappearing one by one, and Jason learns the house is not abandoned, but actually inhabited by a vampire. Jason no longer cares about spending the night, but just wants to get out alive. Will he?

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7. Erik just turned sixteen and wants a car very badly. He starts mowing lawns and landscaping to earn money with his neighbor, Bobby. After only a few days of working together, they have a disagreement and Bobby leaves to start his own company. The former friends start competing for business in their neighborhood. Things take a turn for the worse when Bobby starts sabotaging Erik's operation. Will they reconcile and will Erik ever get the car he so desires?



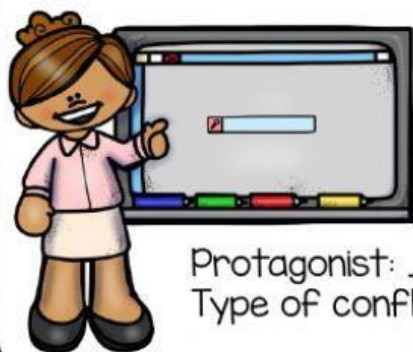
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8. Dorothy and her family live on a rural farm in Kansas. When a huge storm suddenly rolls in, she and family must retreat to shelter, but all the animals are still out grazing. A tornado has been spotted in their area, making the scene worse. Will Dorothy and her family be able to get their livestock in the barn in time?

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9. On the last day of school Mrs. Smith wants to reward her class with a movie. The students become excited, but when Mrs. Smith tries to play the movie, the internet is down and she cannot stream the movie.

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