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Geraldo needs to go to practice, but he forgot his glove. He's worried his coach won't let him on the field without a glove. "Hey mom, can we stop at Academy?" asked Geraldo. "Why's that?" replied his mom. "Well, I kind of forgot my glove at home and need to buy a new one," answered Geraldo. SCHREECH! The car stopped, and his mom turned around to go back home. "Well, you're just going to have to be late. We're going back home," said his mom in a stern voice.

What was Geraldo's problem?

What was Geraldo's solution?

How did Geraldo's problem get solved?

A. His mom took him to Academy to buy a new glove.
B. He didn't get to practice because he didn't have his glove.
C. They turned around to get his glove at home.

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Peep the bunny ran quickly into her bunny hole. "Aghh! There's a fox! There's a fox!" screamed Peep. Beep, Bop, and Peep quickly pushed all of the leaves and grass into the doorway. "This should keep that pesky fox away," declared Beep. The fox came to bunny hole, looked around, but he couldn't find the doorway. Eventually, he ran off to chase a bird.

What was Peep's problem?

What could have happened if Peep didn't solve the problem?

How did Peep try to solve the problem?

A. Peep quickly ran from the fox.
B. Peep and her friends blocked the bunny hole.
C. Peep and her friends waited for the fox to run away and chase a bird.

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Andy wanted to play video games because it was Friday. However, his parents had different plans. "Andy, change your clothes. We are going to the theater," said his mom. "What? I just want to stay home tonight," thought Andy. Andy and his parents arrived at the theater where his uncle Tosaki was performing. The actors came on the stage dressed like warriors and danced gracefully. To his surprise, Andy thought the performance was incredible! "That was better than video games!" exclaimed Andy.

What did Andy want to do?

What problem kept him from doing it?

How was Andy's problem solved?

A. He watched the performance and actually enjoyed it.
B. He played video games and then went to the theater.
C. His problem wasn't solved, and he had a horrible time.

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Sasha's uncle Devin owns a hotel. She goes there after school to help clean the swimming pool. One day, she couldn't go to the hotel at her normal time because she had to stay after school for tutorials. Instead of making Devin wait on her, she decided to talk to him ahead of time. She called the hotel and talked to her uncle. She asked him if it would be okay to come by after tutorials. Devin told her, "No, problem. Get here whenever you can. I'll have pizza waiting on you."

What was Sasha's problem or conflict?

What would have happened if Sasha didn't solve her conflict?

How was Sasha's problem solved?

A. She went to tutorials after school.
B. Devin bought her pizza.
C. She decided to call Devin and asked to come in late.

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Roy loves to go to the pizza buffet. He loves the pizza, the games, and watching his little sister eat the dessert pizza with chocolate all over her cheeks. Usually his dad takes him to the pizza buffet after soccer practice, but this week his dad had to work late. Roy went to practice with his aunt, but she couldn't afford to go get pizza.

"That's okay," said Roy. "I'm just really glad you were able to take me to practice! Would you like for me to make us peanut butter and jelly sandwiches when we get home?"

Roy's aunt answered, "Of course. That sounds really cool!"

Roy and his aunt enjoyed sandwiches, and Roy's little sister got jelly all over her cheeks! Everyone laughed and had a good time.

What is the best summary of this story?

A. Roy loves the pizza buffet. He loves everything about it. He likes to go after soccer practice, but this week he can't go.
B. A boy loves to go to the pizza buffet, but one day he can't go because his dad has to work late. Instead of pizza, he makes sandwiches for his sister and aunt. They had a good time anyway.
C. The pizza buffet is full of many great things. It has good food, fun games, and even dessert pizza! Roy loves to go there, and he likes to watch his sister aet chocolate on her face.

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Read the following summary:

Roy is a soccer player who loves to go to the pizza buffet after practice. One day, he makes sandwiches for his aunt and sister instead of going to the pizza buffet.

What is wrong with this summary?

A. It has wrong or false information.
B. It doesn't paraphrase the problem.
C. It doesn't paraphrase the solution.

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Terry is a cat who lives behind the grocery market. Every Wednesday the fish truck delivers seafood to the market. The delivery man always drops fish bones and shrimp on the ground. Terry finds this to be an absolute treasure!

However, this Wednesday was different. Rascal the local tomcat came by the grocery market. Rascal is three times larger than any cat in the town. Terry knew she wouldn't get any fish bones or shrimp. She thought, "I'm going to really have to distract Rascal, or else I'll be hungry all night."

Terry realized that she could climb up to the window and knock over the wood crates. These are stacked right next to the fish truck. If Rascal was nearby, she'd be able to scare him away long enough to eat some food.

The truck rolled up. The driver got out and started unloading the boxes. As always, fish bones and shrimp fell on the ground. Terry climbed up the window behind the crates. As soon as she saw Rascal she kicked the crates. BAM! EEK! Rascal took off running with fear. Unfortunately, Terry couldn't hold on to the window, and she slipped to the ground. Her fall scared her so much that she also ran away for the night.

Which is the best summary of this literary text?

A. Terry is trying get her dinner one night, but she's afraid Rascal the tomcat will take all of the food. She planned on scaring Rascal away, but her plan failed when she fell out of the window.
B. Terry lives at a grocery market. Rascal went to the grocery market one Wednesday, and Rascal is three times the size of Terry.
C. On Wednesdays Terry finds food from a fish truck. However, she's afraid that Rascal is planning on taking her food. Terry decides to scare Rascal away, so she can eat.

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What is the problem in this story?

What is Terry's solution?

A. To get to the food before Rascal.
B. To fight Rascal for the food.
C. To scare Rascal away.

Did Terry's solution work?

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Solis is a fish who loves to swim in the aquarium. One day the aquarium had a crack in the glass, and water started leaking out. Solis quickly swam to the leak and placed his body against the glass. Solis' scales and fins were able to seal the crack, so no more water leaked out.

When Solis' human friend, Jess, came home from school Solis knew he had to get her attention. Jess opened the lid to feed the fish, and Solis moved away from the crack. Water squirted out onto Jess's leg. "Hey, what's that?" said Jess. Jess looked down and saw the crack. Immediately Jess went and found some Super Glue. Jess placed the glue onto the glass and declared, "Now that will hold until I get a new tank this weekend."

What is the problem in this story?

How does Solis try to solve the problem?

What is the correct sequence of events?

A. There is crack in the aquarium, Solis stops the crack, and Jess glues the crack.
B. Solis stops the crack, Jess glues the crack, and Solis places his body against the glass.
C. Water leaks out of the aquarium, Jess glues the glass, and Solis stops the crack.

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Which is the best summary of this story?

A. A fish sees a crack in the aquarium and decides to get glue to fix it. The glue holds for enough time, so the owner can buy a new aquarium.
B. Solis is able to seal the crack using his fins and body. When Jess gets home, she replaces the aquarium with a new one.
C. An aquarium crack is sealed by a fish's body and fins. When the human gets home, glue is used to stop the leak until a new aquarium can be purchased.

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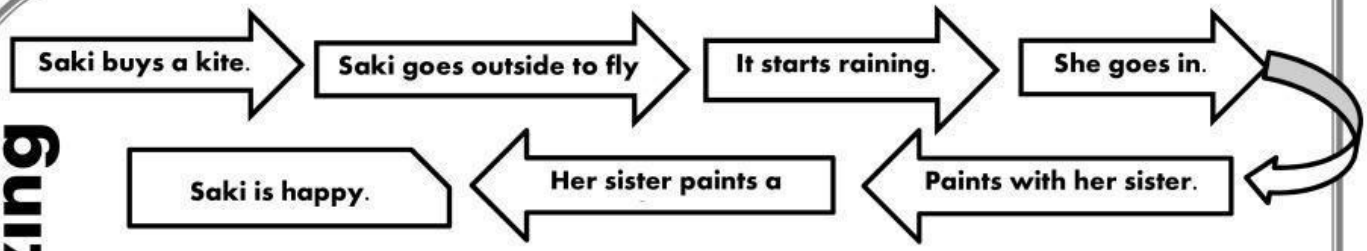

What is Saki's problem in this sequence of events?

What is Saki's solution in this sequence of events?

What is the best summary of these events?

A. Saki takes her new kite outside, but it starts raining. The rain really makes things bad for Saki and her new kite.
B. The rain ruins Saki's day, but she enjoys playing inside with her sister.
C. Saki takes her new kite outside, but it starts raining. She decides to go in and paint with her sister instead.

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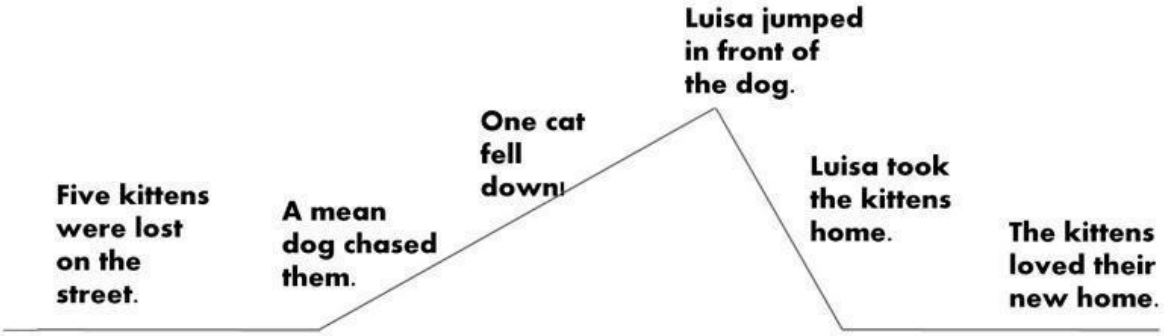

What event occurred in the beginning of this plot?

How did this story end?

What is the best summary for this story?

A. Five lost kittens were chased down the street by an angry dog. This was dangerous for them because they were just kittens. One of them could have gotten hurt.
B. A mean dog chased five lost kittens. One of the kittens fell down, but a young girl saved the kittens from the dog and gave them a new home.
C. Luisa was a brave young girl who jumped out in front of a mean dog. She saved five kittens.

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A GOOD SUMMARY

1. Main Events from B, M, E
2. Problem
3. Solution

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