

Match the story element with its definition

Plot	Who the story is about/the most important character of the story.
Main Characters	Information that supports the main idea.
Setting	The conflict that main characters have to solve.
Main Idea	Where the story takes place.
Details	The most important information about the story.
Problem	How the main characters solve the conflict.
Solution	What the story is about.

Read the following story and identify the story elements.

Monster shopping trip

Hairy Henry is a handsome green monster. He lives in a small house in the forest. All his friends live nearby.

Soon it is Hairy Henry's birthday. Loony Lou and Gorgonzola decide to buy him a present.

'What shall we buy him?' they ask.

'What about a camera?'

'No, he's got a camera.'

'How about a big box of chocolates?'

'No.'

'Let's buy him a new pair of shorts.'

'No, he's got some new shorts.'

Loony Lou and Gorgonzola just don't know what to buy him.

'I know!' said Loony Lou. 'Let's go shopping in London. We can visit Hairy Henry's cousin, Big Ben, and ask him what to buy.'

'Good idea!'

So they got the train to London. Big Ben waited for them at the station. 'Hello!' he said.

'We want to buy a present for Hairy Henry,' they told him. 'I know just the place,' said Big Ben, and they went shopping.

First they went into a computer shop. 'Wow! What a lot of computers and games!' said Big Ben, who loves computer games. They bought a very special monster computer game for catching horrible humans. 'Hairy Henry will love it!'

Next they went to a very smart shop called Harrods. They went to the special floor for monsters and looked at the very smart clothes. Everything was monstrously monstrous!

Because Hairy Henry is quite a smart monster, Gorgonzola bought him a tie which lights up and sings a monster 'Happy Birthday' song.

Short story



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Finally, they went to an amazing cake shop. They bought the biggest, most monster cake they could find. They put it in a box to take it to Hairy Henry's birthday party.

The next day, Loony Lou, Gorgonzola and Big Ben collected all the presents together and took the train back home. They were so excited about Hairy Henry's birthday party. What a surprise it would be. But then Hairy Henry deserves it, as he is such a nice monster.

Answer the following questions:

1. Who are the main characters from the story?
2. Where is the setting from the story?
3. What is the plot of the story?
4. What is the problem of the story?
5. What is the solution of the story?