

Sheet 15: Finding the Climax and Resolution

Worked example:

Max the monkey lost his favourite banana. He searched the whole jungle, and finally found it stuck in a tree. The climax is finding the banana, and the resolution is Max eating it happily.

Answer: Climax: Finding the banana. Resolution: Max eats the banana.

- Read this short story: Pip the caterpillar was climbing a tall sunflower to reach the top. Suddenly, a strong gust of wind blew, and Pip slipped! He grabbed a leaf just in time. He climbed the rest of the way and reached the top safely.
- What was the climax (the most exciting or scary moment) in Pip's story?
- What was the resolution (how the story ended)?
- Read this story: Nova the owl could not find her glasses. She looked under her nest and behind the tree. Then, she remembered she had left them on her favourite stargazing rock! She flew over and put them on.
- In Nova's story, what is the resolution?
- Write a one-sentence ending for a story where Kit the fox finds a hidden treasure map in his garden.

Self-check: Check your answers: the climax should be the 'big moment' of action, and the resolution should show how the problem was fixed.

Ready for next: Once you can spot the climax and resolution, you are ready to review both fiction and non-fiction texts!