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Rising Tension

Directions: Read the short personal narrative. Identify the central conflict and explain why it mattered to the narrator. Answer all questions in complete sentences.

Last month, my science teacher announced that our group project presentations would begin the next day. My group had planned everything except one problem. I had not finished my part of the slideshow because my laptop froze the night before. I felt torn between asking for help and trying to fix it alone. When I finally told my group what happened, we had only fifteen minutes left in class to pull everything together.

1. What is the central conflict in this narrative?

2. Why does this conflict matter to the narrator?

3. How does the narrator feel about the situation?

4. What is at stake if the conflict is not solved?

5. What evidence from the paragraph shows the tension building?
