

Plot Patch-up Answer Key

1. Conflict. The story jumps from preparation to success with no problem or challenge.
2. Climax. The setup and rising action are present, but no turning point or big moment occurs.
3. Resolution. The story shows rising action and a climax (the results), but does not show how Lena reacts or what happens afterward.
4. Conflict. Events flow smoothly without a central problem that creates tension.
5. Rising action. There is no building challenge. The story moves straight from setup to completion.

Teacher's Guide

- Review the **five major plot elements** with students before starting.
- Explain that summaries often hide missing pieces, so students must read closely.
- Model how to ask: "What important step in the story structure is not shown?"

Differentiation Tips

- Provide a visual story-structure chart for reference.
- Let students highlight parts that clearly belong to certain elements, then see what is missing.
- Allow struggling readers to hear the summaries aloud before analyzing.

Engagement Ideas

- Turn each summary into a puzzle. Ask students to write the missing element on a sticky note and place it on a class plot chart.
- Let groups rewrite the summaries by adding the missing plot pieces.
- Invite students to create their own summary with one missing element for classmates to identify.