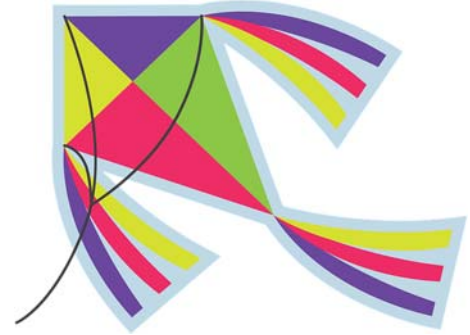


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SWBST Chart

Good readers don't retell every single detail. Instead, they use a summary to shrink a story into just the most important parts. The **Somebody-Wanted-But-So-Then (SWBST)** chart helps by showing:

- **Somebody** - Who is the main character?
- **Wanted** - What did they want?
- **But** - What problem stood in the way?
- **So** - What did they do to solve the problem?
- **Then** - How did it all end?



Directions: Read the short story below. Then, fill in the SWBST chart. Use the chart to write a one-sentence summary of the story.

The Kite Trouble

Lena loved flying her red kite at the park on windy days. One afternoon, she wanted to fly it higher than ever before. But as the kite soared upward, it became tangled in a tall tree. So Lena asked her brother to help, and together they carefully tugged until the kite came free. Then they laughed with relief and flew the kite again, this time keeping it lower in the sky.

SOMEBODY

WANTED

BUT

SO

THEN

SUMMARY SENTENCE