

Literacy 18.01.22

Today I would like you to plan a new scene for Goodnight Mr Tom. In this scene, you will write an opening, a build-up, a problem, a resolution and an ending. You could write about:

- Willie taking Sammy for a walk and getting lost or hurting his leg. Mr Tom could go and find him.
- Willie taking Sammy for a walk and losing the dog. Sammy could make his own way back to the cottage.
- Mr Tom and Willie going to the seaside and Willie getting stuck in a cave. Mr Tom could find him with Sammy's help.
- Willie playing with his friend Zach and the air raid siren sounds. Willie must run back to the cottage before the planes come.

Read through my example below and then complete each section of the blank grid. Write as much information as you can. You will be using this plan to write the scene on Wednesday and Thursday.

OPENING Choose dialogue or a description of the setting

*"Mr Tom, please can I take Sammy for a walk?" said Willie when he finished his lunch.
"Yes you can lad. But you be careful and hold on tight. He pulls when he gets excited," replied Mr Tom.
"Great. I will hold on tight. Come on Sammy," Willie promised. He put on his gum boots and mackintosh while Mr Tom put the lead on Sammy.
"Don't be too long," Mr Tom insisted.
"I won't. We will be back in time for tea," answered Willie as he rushed through the front door.*

BUILD-UP Suggest what is going to happen – do not give details.

Willie and Sammy ran through the village and into the forest. The trees in the forest, which were evergreens, were the biggest trees Willie had ever seen. He gazed up at them as Sammy sniffed around the trunks. Willie looked down and saw some conkers on the floor so he bent down to pick them up.

PROBLEM What happens? What goes wrong?

Suddenly, a squirrel appeared on the path in front of them. Sammy barked and pounced forward. The lead was pulled out of Willie's hand and Sammy ran off after the squirrel. Willie shouted for him to come back but the dog did not listen. Tears welled up in his eyes. He ran after Sammy but he could not see him. Willie searched and searched. It was no good. He had lost Sammy. Mr Tom would never forgive him. Feeling sad, Willie sat down and began to sob.

RESOLUTION How are things sorted out? How are the characters made happy again?

After what seemed like hours, Willie decided to get up and go home. He felt sick. As he wiped away his tears, he heard barking. It was Sammy. Sammy had come back and Mr Tom was following him. "Mr Tom I am so sorry," cried Willie.
"It is ok lad, Sammy found his way back to the cottage. I thought I should come and find you," said Mr Tom.
"So you forgive me?" asked Willie.
"Of course I do. I told you he pulls that lead. He is very strong," Mr Tom laughed. "

ENDING What have the characters learned?

Mr Tom, Willie and Sammy went back to the cottage. Exhausted from the day's events, Willie and Sammy fell asleep in the living room. Willie had learnt a valuable lesson that day – never to take his eyes off Sammy when Mr Tom is not there.

OPENING Choose dialogue or a description of the setting

BUILD-UP Suggest what is going to happen – do not give details.

PROBLEM What happens? What goes wrong?

RESOLUTION How are things sorted out? How are the characters made happy again?

ENDING What have the characters learned?