



## PLOT ELEMENTS

Everything in a story happens for a reason. The series of events is the story's **plot**. The plot usually follows a pattern.

- **Exposition** introduces the characters and **setting**. It may also hint at what the **conflict**, or problem, will be.
- **Rising action** shows how the conflict develops.
- The most exciting part, or turning point of the story, is the **climax**. The outcome of the conflict is decided at this time.
- Tension eases during the **falling action**, and events unfold as a result of the climax.
- The **resolution** is the final point in the plot, in which the reader learns how everything turns out.

**Directions:** The following events take place during the story of “The Three Little Pigs”. Put these events in order by writing each event in the correct box on the plot diagram.

- **The pig laughs, and Pig #3 cooks and eats Big Bad Wolf for revenge.**
- **Big Bad Wolf blows house down and eats pig #1.**
- **Pig #2 builds house of wood.**
- **Big Bad Wolf blows house down and eats pig #2.**
- **Wolf gets frustrated and jumps down the chimney to get pig #3. Wolf falls into boiling pot over fire.**
- **Wolf tries to trick pig #3 to come out of house.**
- **Three little pigs leave home for the first time.**
- **He lives happily ever after.**
- **Pig #3 builds house of bricks.**
- **Big Bad Wolf can't blow down brick house.**
- **Pig #1 builds house of straw.**