

7 questions to make sure you've understood a story



1 Who are the characters in the story?

What are the names of the main and secondary characters?
Can you describe their personality and physical traits?

2 Where does the story take place?

City, country, specific location, etc.

3 When does the story take place?

Specific time of day, season, year, era, etc.

4 What is the initial situation?

What are the characters doing
at the beginning of the story?

5 What is the catalyst in the story?

Does an unexpected situation, problem,
or conflict change the course of the story?

6 How does the conflict develop?

What actions do the characters take to move the story forward?

7 What happens at the climax and how is the conflict resolved?

How does the story end?

