

3 Language Skills 2: Literature

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some goals for teaching lessons on stories?
- 2 How can teachers check for student comprehension?



opinion



event



problem



solution

English.
Literature.1

Literature Standards for Kindergarten Students

English.Literature.1a: When the teacher **narrates** a short story, students should be able to demonstrate basic **comprehension** of the storyline. This includes being able to **link** the different **events** of the story and explain how they relate to each other. When prompted, students should be able to **provide** a summary of the story in their own words.

English.Literature.1b: Students should demonstrate their ability to form an **opinion** on a **topic** related to the story. They should explain their **reaction** to the story's events in basic terms. With encouragement, students should be able to explain and elaborate on their opinion.

English.Literature.1c: With support, students should **identify** the central **problem** of a story. Additionally, they should name or propose a **solution**. In doing so, students demonstrate basic critical thinking skills.

English.Literature.1d: To meet this learning standard, students should be able to **compose** or narrate a short story. It must contain a beginning, a middle, and an end. The events in this story should progress logically and relate to each other in some way.

Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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| 1 __ topic | 4 __ compose |
| 2 __ event | 5 __ identify |
| 3 __ problem | 6 __ comprehension |

- A to name or recognize something
 B the quality of understanding something
 C something that occurs or takes place in a story
 D to write or develop something, such as a story
 E an event or situation that needs to be solved or overcome
 F the subject area that a story, discussion, or piece of writing is about

Reading

2 Read the language standard. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 __ Students must retell a story in their own words to meet standard 1a.
- 2 __ Meeting standard 1c requires students to think critically.
- 3 __ Narrating a short story with a logical progression of events is not a requirement.