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- Stories have a beginning, a middle, and an ending.
- The **beginning** of a story tells you who the story is mostly about, and where the story mostly takes place.
- The **characters** are who the story is mostly about. \
- The **setting** is where the story mostly takes place.
- The **middle** of a story tells you the things that happen in the story.
- The **events** are the things that happen in the story.
- The **plot** is all of the events in the story. The **plot** usually includes some kind of problem.
- The **ending** of a story tells how the problem is solved.
- The **problem solution** is how the problem is solved

✓ **Read the following passage. Then answer the questions that follow.**

### **The Miser And His Gold**

An old miser lived in a house with a garden. The miser hid his gold coins in a pit under some stones in the garden. Every day, before going to bed, the miser went to the stones where he hid the gold and counted the coins. He continued this routine every day, but not once did he spend the gold he saved.

One day, a thief who knew the old miser's routine, waited for the old man to go back into his house. After it was dark, the thief went to the hiding place and took the gold. The next day, the old miser found that his treasure was missing and started crying loudly.

His neighbor heard the miser's cries and inquired about what happened. On learning what happened, the neighbor asked, "Why didn't you save the money inside the house? It would've



been easier to access the money when you had to buy something!"

"Buy?", said the miser. "I never used the gold to buy anything. I was never going to spend it."

On hearing this, the neighbor threw a stone into the pit and said, "If that is the case, save the stone. It is as worthless as the gold you have lost".

**Now let's think about the story elements.**

**1. Characters:** Who is this story mostly about?

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**2. Setting:** Where does this story mostly take place?

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**3. Event 1:** Which event happens first in this story?

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**4. Event 2:** Which event happens second in this story?

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**5. Event 3:** Which event happens third in this story?

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**6. Moral:** What do you learn from this story?

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## Answer Key

1. An old miser
2. in a house with a garden
3. The miser hid his gold coins in a pit under some stones in the garden.
4. the thief went to the hiding place and took the gold.
5. the old miser found that his treasure was missing and started crying loudly.
6. Possible answer: *A possession is just as worthy of what it is used for.*

