

A story is made by a plot. The plot is a series of events that make the story.

## **Elements of the plot**

### **1. Exposition**

**Setting :** shows where and when the story takes place.

e.g. Paragraph 1: Place – the woodland (the forest). Time - after the death of Narcissus.

**Characters:** the people, or animated creatures, who take part in the story.

e.g. Paragraph 1: the pool, the Oreads and Narcissus.

**Background information:** what happened before this story.

e.g. Paragraph 1: Narcissus had died, and the river went from sweet water to salty tears, and the Oreads are going to visit the River.

**2. Rising Action:** the event that leads to the climax.

e.g. Paragraph 2: the Oreads ask if Narcissus was beautiful.

**3. Climax:** the turning point in the story. A surprising moment. A problem that needs to be solved.

e.g. Paragraph 3: the pool expresses it doesn't know if Narcissus was beautiful.

**4. Falling Action:** events that lead to the resolution.

e.g. Paragraph 3: The Oreads ask how is it possible that the River doesn't know the beauty of Narcissus if he had looked at the pool.

**5. Resolution:** the solution or answer to the problem.

e.g. Paragraph 4: the pool explains it has never looked at Narcissus' face, but only at its own reflection in Narcissus' eyes.