

WHAT'S THE MAIN IDEA?

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.

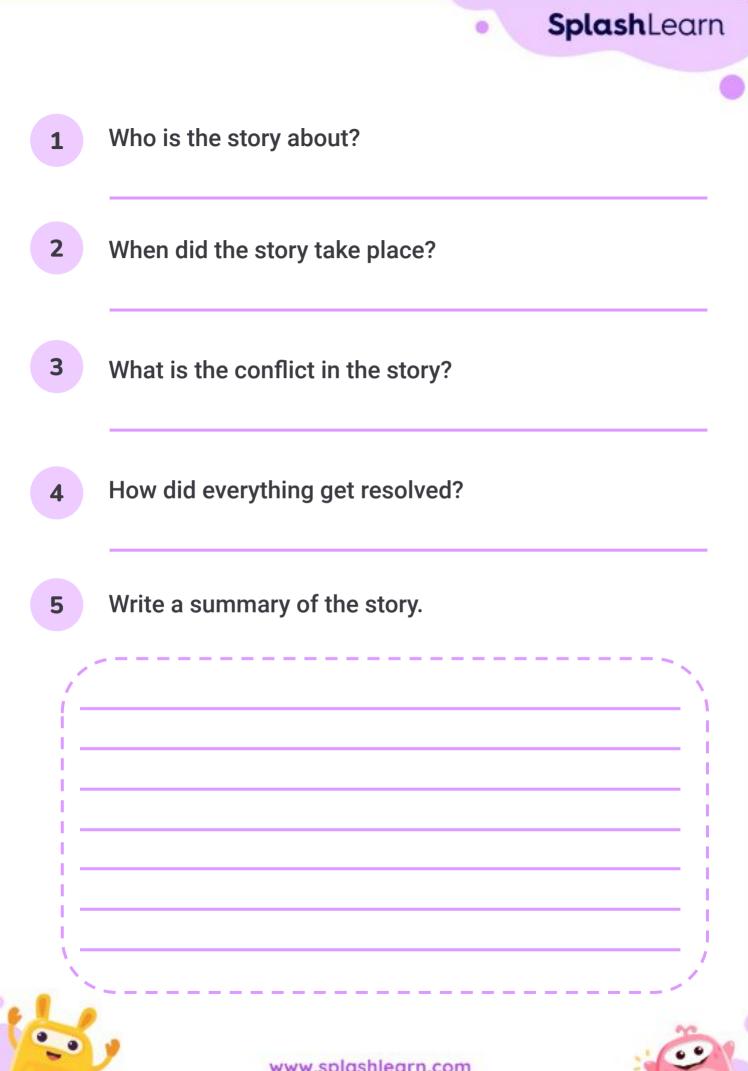
Derek was playing in the park near his home with his friends. It was getting dark, and soon everyone decided to go back. Derek had almost reached his home when he slipped on the stairs leading to his door and fell down. He took a minute and stood up. When he looked down, he realized he had a small cut that was now red, and blood was oozing out. Slowly, he went up to the door of his house and rang the doorbell. When his mother came out, she saw the slightly panicked look on his face and asked him what had happened. Derek told her that he got hurt.

She told Derek to take a deep breath and stay calm. She asked him to accompany her to the bathroom. Then she gently pressed around the area he was hurt. She asked him to wash the area gently with soap and water. When Derek asked about this, she said, "There are a lot of disinfectants available, but soap and water can easily help in cleaning the area." She then went into the other room and brought a small piece of clean cloth and bandages. She placed the cloth on the cut and applied pressure. It hurt Derek for a moment, but then he felt a little better. His mother told him that applying pressure like this helps control the bleeding. She then used the bandage to dress the wound. His mother then told him all about first aid. She said that providing basic medical care to someone experiencing a sudden injury or illness is known as first aid.

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