

How is it structured?

Put the events of the story into the correct order.

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Mathilde admits to Mme Forestier that she lost her necklace.

Mme Forestier tells Mathilde that the diamond necklace was an imitation.

Mathilde refuses to attend the party because she has no suitable clothes.

Mathilde says she needs some jewellery to wear to the party.

Mathilde is unhappy and dissatisfied; she longs for a life of wealth and luxury.

She borrows a necklace from her friend, Mme Forestier.

The party is a great success for Mathilde; she is admired by all the men.

They go into debt so that they can buy a replacement necklace.

It takes 10 years for them to repay their debts – years of poverty and hard work.

When they get home, they realise that the necklace has been lost.

At Mathilde's insistence, to avoid being seen in her shabby coat, they hurry away from the party on foot.

Extension

Arrange them into the appropriate stages:

1. Exposition (and identify the inciting moment)
2. Rising action
3. Climax/turning point
4. Falling action
5. Resolution/dénouement

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Answers

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Rising action

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7. The party is a great success for Mathilde; she is admired by all the men.
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Turning point/climax

9. When they get home, they realise that the necklace has been lost.

Falling action

10. They go into debt so that they can buy a replacement necklace.
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Resolution/dénouement

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