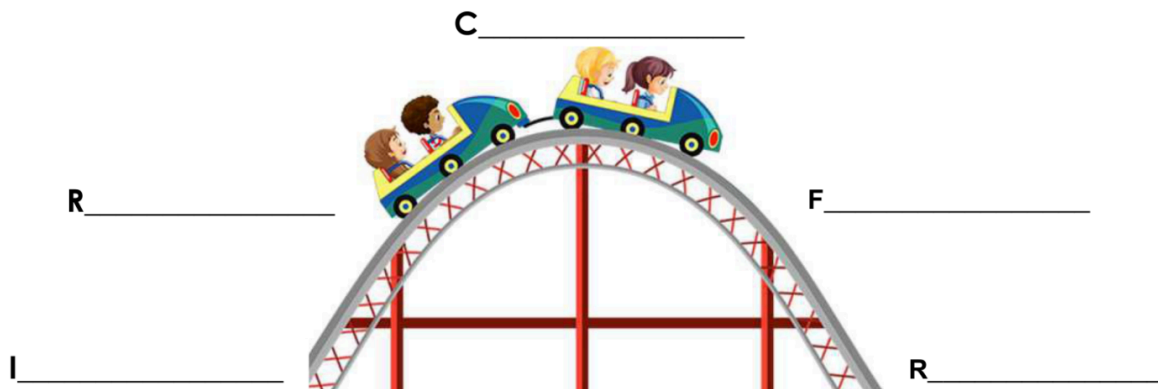


### Elements of a story: Plot

**Plot** is all of the action that happens in a story. Most plots have five parts:

- **Introduction:** Meet the characters and learn where and when the story happens
- **Rising Action or Problem:** A problem or challenge makes things interesting
- **Climax:** The most exciting part of the story
- **Falling Action:** The problem starts getting solved
- **Resolution:** The story wraps up, showing what happened at the end

First, label these parts on the plot mountain below:



Next, read this story as you think about its plot:

Eli loves reading and writing stories. He could spend hours reading books and imagining stories in his head. Telling stories was something else, though! There was one thing he didn't like: speaking in front of people! Just the thought of standing in front of his class made his stomach hurt. He would rather write his thoughts down than say them out loud.