**4. CLIMAX**

The moment of greatest tension in the story and the turning point

**Example:** The wolf could not blow down the house made of bricks, so the wolf climbed on top of the roof.

**PLOT DIAGRAM**

**5. FALLING ACTION**

Events that happen as a result of the climax, it may have a moment of final suspense

**Example:** The pig lit a fire and placed a kettle of water on the fire.

**3. RISING ACTION**

The story builds and gets more exciting because the conflict develops and becomes more complicated

**Example:** The wolf blew down the house made of straw and the house made of sticks.

**2. INCITING INCIDENT**

Something happens to being the action, usually signals the beginning of the conflict

**Example:** The mother tells the three little pigs to always do the best they can because that is the way to get along in the world.

**6. RESOLUTION**

The main conflict is resolved

**Example:** The wolf fell into the kettle of boiling water and died.

**7. DENOUEMENT**

Loose ends are tied up and any remaining questions are answered

**Example:** The pig lived happily ever after.

**1. EXPOSITION**

Introduces the characters and setting, and provides necessary background information

**Example**: There were three little pigs and the time came for them to leave home and seek their fortunes