

ACTIVITY 4 Story Breakdown (Narrative Structure)

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Question	Answer
Who ?	A father, his three sons, and a wise man.
What ?	The sons must divide eleven camels after their father's death.
When ?	After the father dies.
Where ?	In a village in the desert.
Why ?	Because eleven cannot be divided according to the fractions in the father's will (1/2, 1/4, 1/6).
How ?	The wise man adds one camel to make twelve, divides them, and then takes his camel back.

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Narrative Element	Guiding Question	Answer
Characters	Who is involved ?	The father, the three sons, and the wise man.
Situation	What happens ?	The father dies and leaves eleven camels to his sons.
Context	When and where ?	After the father's death, in a desert village.
Problem	What is the difficulty ?	The sons cannot divide eleven camels according to the will.
Cause	Why is there a problem ?	Because 11 cannot be divided into 1/2, 1/4, and 1/6 equally.
Resolution	How is it solved ?	The wise man adds one camel to make twelve, divides them, then takes his camel back.
Moral	What does the story teach ?	Sometimes a problem needs creative thinking.

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Part of the Story	What happens?	How do the characters feel?
I. The Beginning (Situation)	An old and wise man, living in the desert, owns eleven camels. Before his death, he	The father feels responsible and peaceful. The sons feel

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	carefully decides how to divide them fairly among his three sons.	secure and trust their father's wisdom.
2. The Problem (Complication)	After the father's death, the sons try to follow his instructions, but they realize that eleven camels cannot be divided into halves, quarters, and sixths without creating fractions.	The sons feel confused, frustrated, and increasingly anxious.
3. Seeking Help (Rising Action)	Unable to solve the problem, the brothers go to a wise man in the village. He listens carefully and reflects on the situation.	The sons feel hopeful but uncertain. The wise man appears calm, patient, and thoughtful.
4. The Turning Point (Climax)	The wise man adds one of his own camels to the herd, making twelve camels. This unexpected action changes the situation completely.	The sons feel surprised and curious. The wise man is confident and composed.
5. The Resolution (New Balance)	The camels are divided easily (6, 3, 2). The wise man then takes back his camel, leaving the brothers with eleven camels as planned.	The sons feel relieved, amazed, and grateful.
6. The Moral (Final Situation)	The story shows that a problem that seems impossible can be solved with creativity and a new perspective.	The reader (and implicitly the sons) feels enlightened and thoughtful.