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## Creative Writing Basics – Elements of Story

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_
- } All of these must be \_\_\_\_\_ (to create \_\_\_\_\_!)

Obstacle + Action = \_\_\_\_\_



**Resolution** – your protagonist will either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ against the obstacle

### What makes each element dramatic?

1) Want = think of this more as a “\_\_\_\_\_” → the “want” must be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the protagonist – they \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ live without it

2) Obstacle = must be strong enough to pose a real \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ *what she/he wants*

→ if it's easy to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, it's not dramatic

3) Action = protagonist must \_\_\_\_\_ the obstacle → this is where your audience learns about the type of person your character truly is

### Examples: Want vs. Dramatic Want

**Dramatic Want:** While at work, John gets a call that his son has been in a terrible accident and is being rushed to the hospital.

***What exactly does John want in this scenario and why is it dramatic?*** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Dramatic Want:** Amy is on her way to go shopping when she sees a meteorite the size of a car hurtling directly towards her.

***What exactly does Amy want in this scenario and why is it dramatic?*** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Examples: Obstacle vs. Dramatic Obstacle**

**Dramatic Obstacle:** While on his way to the hospital, John gets a flat tire, has no spare, realizes he left his cell phone at work when he frantically rushed out, and he is still ten miles away from the hospital.

***What dramatic action might John take to try to overcome these obstacles?*** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dramatic Obstacle:** While hiking, Amy and Sean are suddenly confronted by a huge grizzly bear who roars at them and begins to give chase.

***What dramatic action might Sean and Amy take to try to overcome this obstacle?*** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thoughts & Emotions** → \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*Now, complete & submit Exit Card on a separate sheet of notebook paper!***