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# Discussion



Are people around you still doing that?

If people from other countries visit China, what might surprise them?



# 学习目标 Learning Objectives:

## At the end of this lesson, you will be able to ...

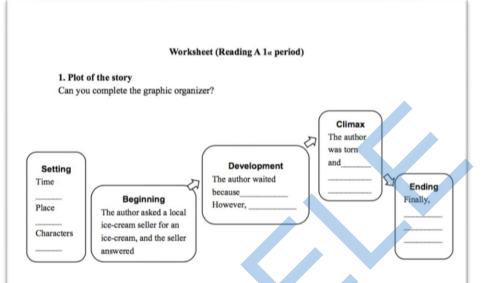
1. 能通过略读和扫读,从语篇中提取故事发展的主要信息,读懂作者的 跨文化经历;



retell the author's cross-cultural experience by skimming and scanning;

 能识别记叙文语篇结构(背景、开端、发展、高潮和结尾); identify the structure of a narrative: the setting, beginning, development, climax and ending;

3. 能通过深入阅读课文,分析文本中作者行为,理解作者的情感。 interpret the author's feelings by analyzing her behaviors.



### 2. Meanings of Ahorita

Here are some comments under the discussion of "The Meaning of Ahorita" on a website called *Spanish Language Blog.* 

Comments	Meanings of Ahorita
Ann:	
When I studied abroad, I found that when my host mother asked my host sister	
to do something "ahorita," she jumped to attention and performed whatever it	
was immediately.	
Jason:	
My friends who live only a 5-minute drive from me tell me they'll leave their	
nouse "ahorita", only to come to my house 4 hours later! When you hear or	
receive a text with "ahorita", the actual meaning is the person hasn't even left	
he house yet. They're probably just about to take a shower, get themselves	
ready and then leave.	
Peter:	
When someone says 'Ahorita vengo' (I'll be back soon). They're not coming	
back!! It's the polite way of saying 'I'm leaving'.	

What does "ahorita" mean in each context? Fill in the form.
What can you learn from these comments?





### THE INDEPENDENT - Why Puebla is Mexico's Coolest Under-the-Radar City

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FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE - A Design Lover's Guide To Mexico City

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BBC TRAVEL - The Confusing Ways Mexicans Tell Time

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# **Plot of the story**



# Read paragraph 1.

# When and where did the story happen? Who were the characters?

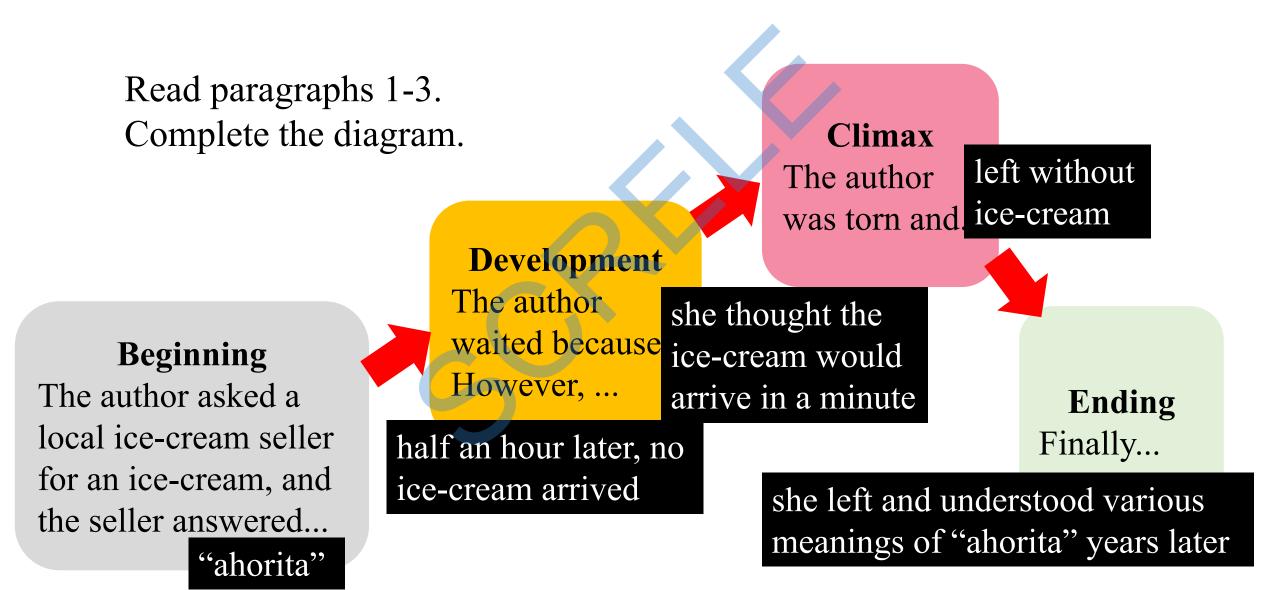
## Setting

### Time

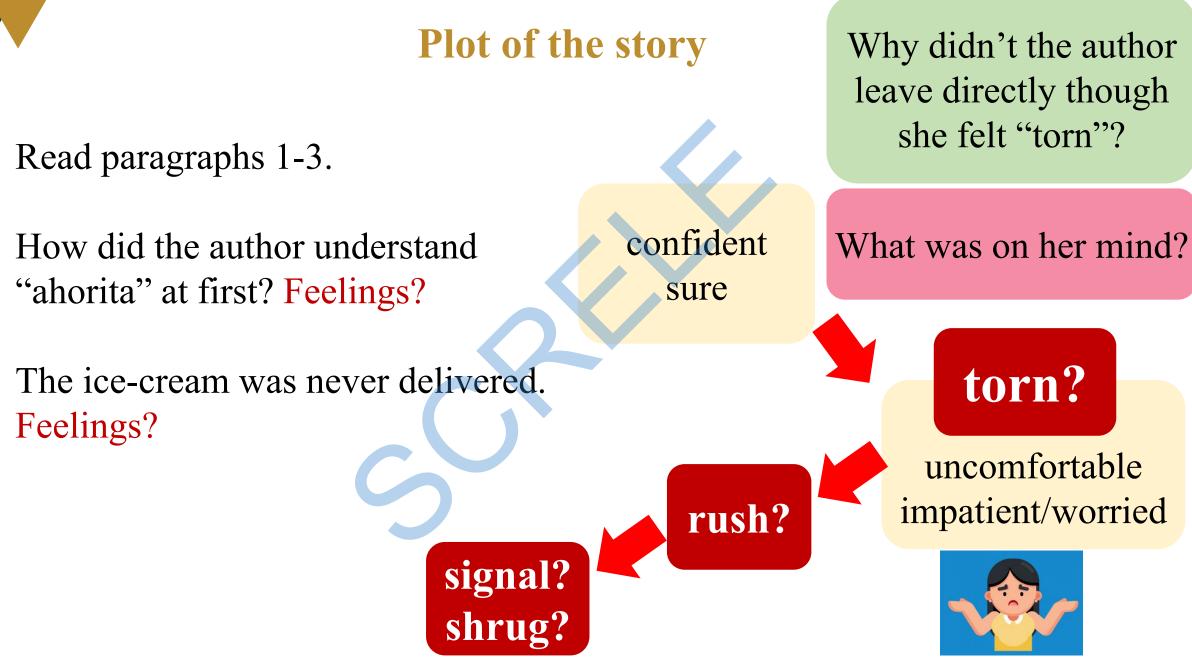
when setting foot on Mexican soil Place an ice-cream shop Characters ice-cream seller & author

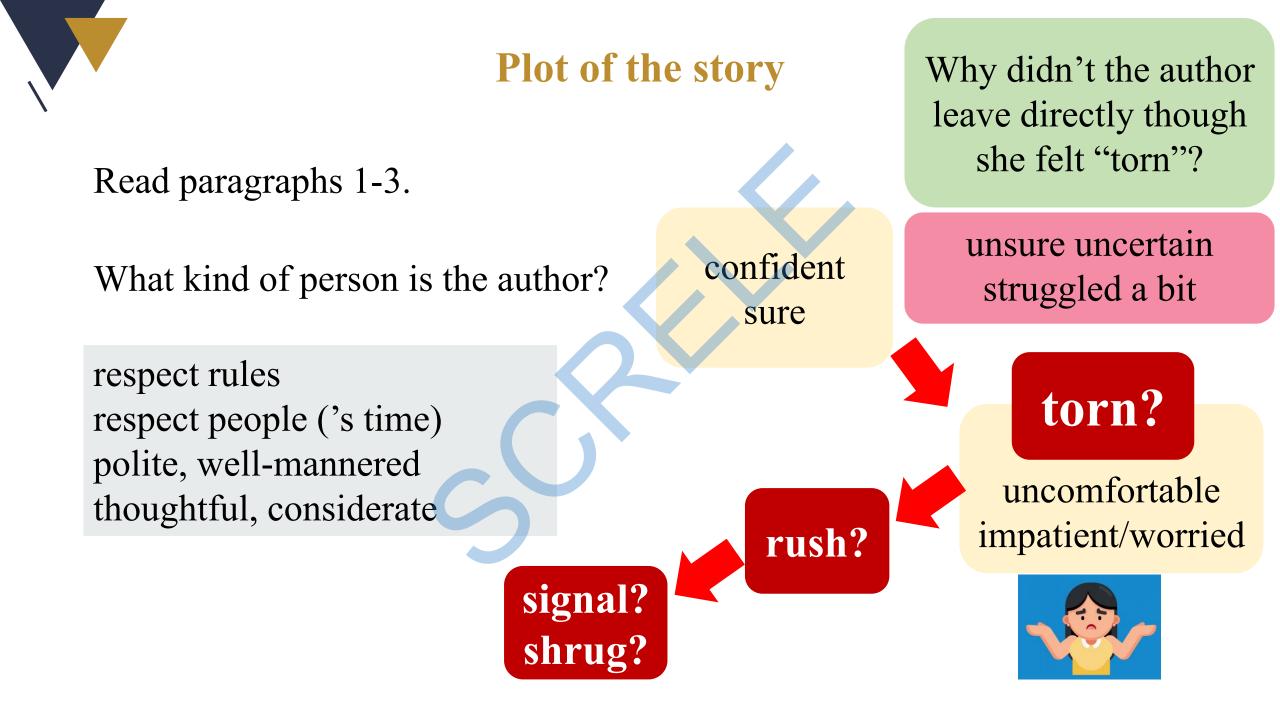


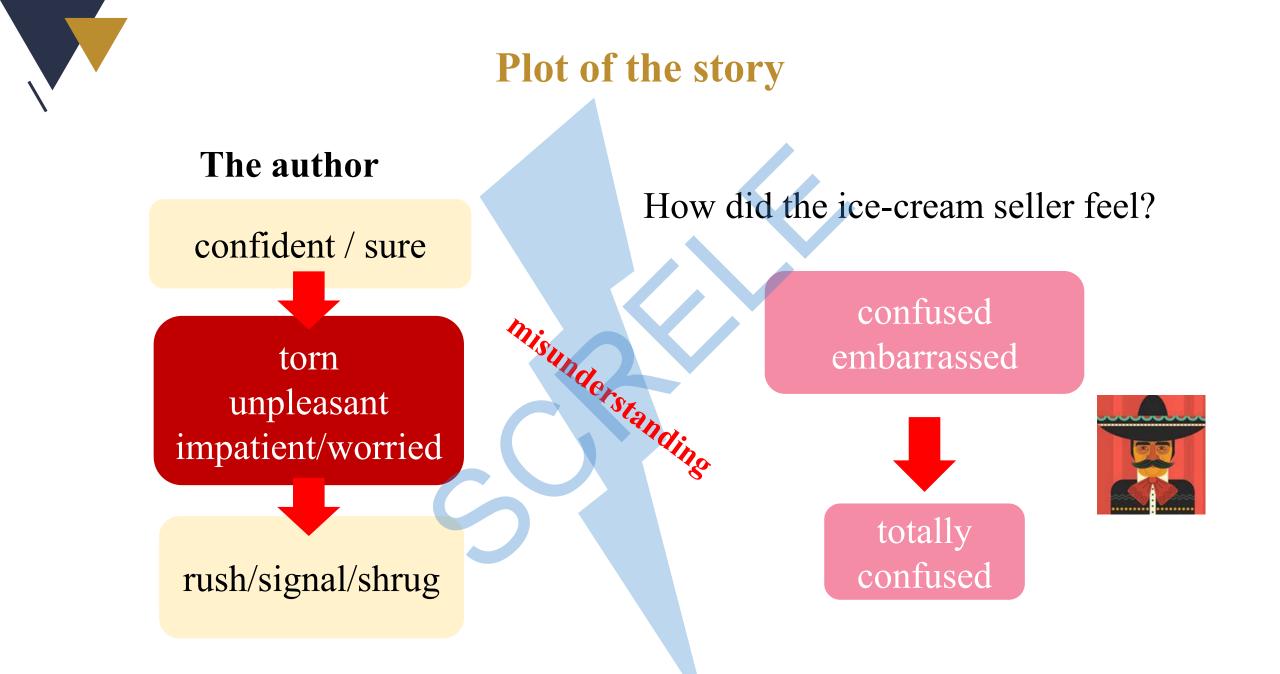
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# Ahorita

# Read paragraphs 4-5

- When did the author discover the real meaning of "ahorita"?
- According to a linguist, what does "ahorita" mean in Mexico?



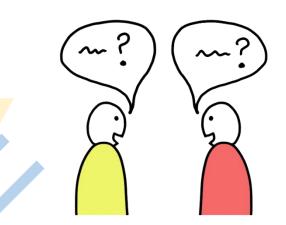
- What does "ahorita" mean in each context?
- What can you learn from these comments?



- What lesson did the author learn from the experience?
- How has the author's attitude towards time changed?
- Why wouldn't the author panic if she is late?



# Discussion



Many believe that "The best way to learn a foreign language is to go to a foreign country." Do you agree or disagree? Why?



# Assignments

- 1. Read the passage aloud and fluently, and look up unfamiliar words and expressions on pp. 67-68.
- 2. Finish exercises in Language Focus on p. 23.
- 3. Think about questions in Personal Touch on p. 21. Prepare to share your ideas in the second period.



# Thank you!