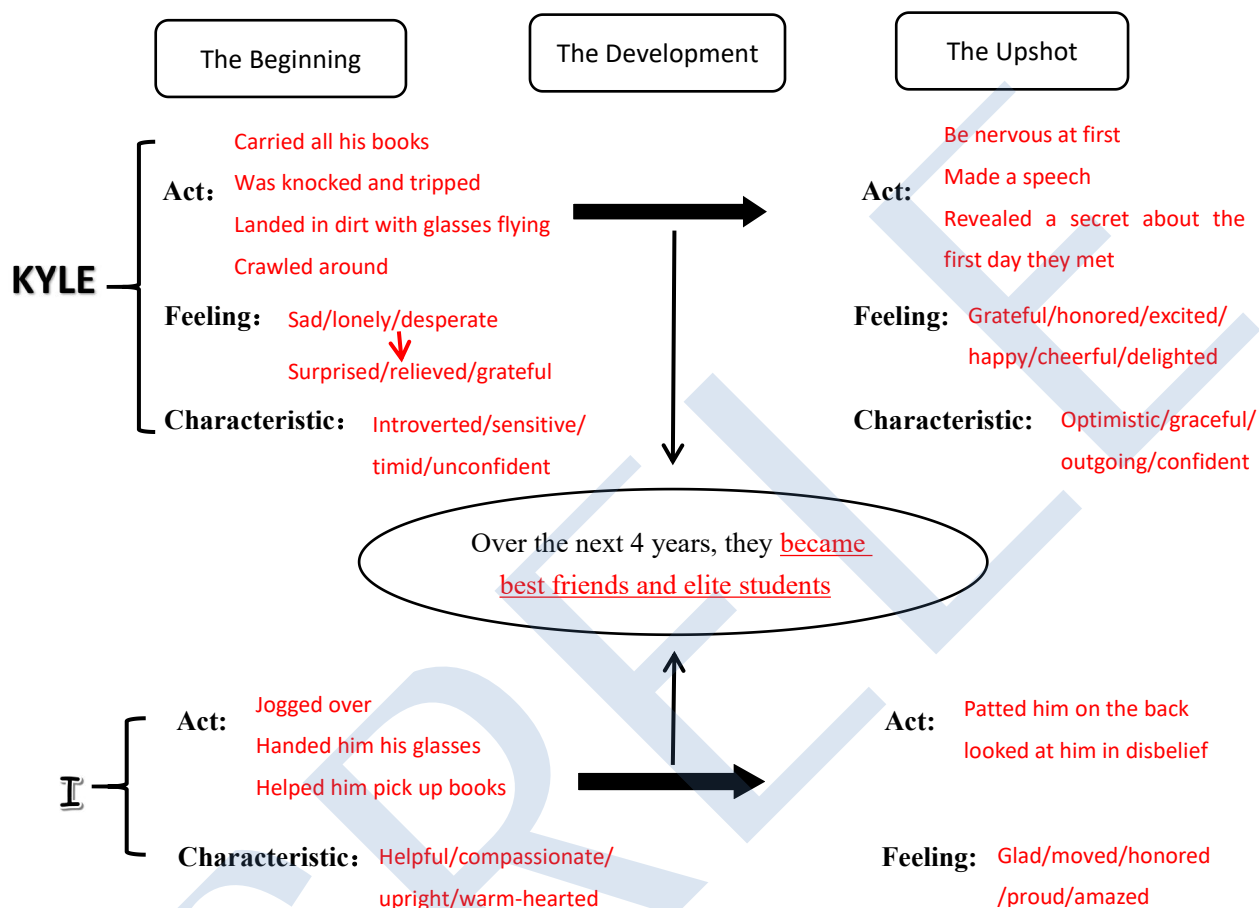


1. Read and fill in the blanks.



2. Review and retell the whole story.

On a Sunday night, Kyle lay on his bed, having trouble falling asleep. He still felt hurt thinking back on those difficult, lonely days at the new school. One day, he was walking home from school, carrying all of his books. He was knocked and tripped by a bunch of kids so he landed in dirt with his glasses flying away. He crawled around to look for his glasses, a tear in his eye. At that moment, a boy jogged over him, handed him his glasses and helped him pick up all his books. And now he couldn't help recalling the following terrific weekend spent together with his new friend.

Then he decided to go to school the next morning and have a new beginning. Over the next four years, they became the best friends and excellent graduates at the school.

On Graduation day, he was honored to give a speech at the graduation ceremony but he felt so nervous. His best friend encouraged him a lot. When it came to his turn, he revealed a secret that he had planned to drop out of school because of the loneliness and sadness at the new place and never come back. But it was his best friend that helped him out and accompanied him through those tough moments.

His life was thus changed by one small gesture.

3. Reconsider and reflect on your understanding of friendship.

1) What is “one small gesture” in the title?

A small act of kindness./The helping hand and kindness the author offered on the first day they met.

2) What kind of friends can be true friends?/ What should you do to your friends?

Anyone who helped you through those touch moments/helped you out.

Anyone who brings you confidence and support/gives a hand when you need.

4. Assignments

1) Finish the Key Vocabulary on P23.

2) Review the whole passage and think about “the small gesture” you’ve got from friends.