



# Somebody Wanted, But, So

A summarizing strategy to clarify characters' goals, conflicts, and resolutions

*Suggested Time 20 Minutes*

## Student Tasks:

- Identify the character and their goal.
- Describe the conflict that hinders the character.
- Summarize the resolution of the conflict.
- Share summaries with classmates and discuss key insights.

## Online ThinkCERCA Modules:

- Complex texts
- Tools for scaffolding reading (focus mode, translation, picture dictionary, online glossary, audio support, syllabication, part of speech, etc.)

## Strategy

The "Somebody Wanted, But, So" strategy helps students summarize narratives by identifying the key elements of a story: the character (Somebody), their goal (Wanted), the conflict (But), and the resolution (So). This framework aids in understanding the central plot and character motivations.

## Optimal Application Notes:

This strategy can be applied to both literary and informational texts, as long as the focus is on a person trying to resolve a conflict. Teachers should model the process using examples to ensure students understand each component.

## Before:

- Select a text that includes clear characters and conflicts.
- Distribute copies of the graphic organizer or have students fold a sheet of paper into four sections labeled: Somebody, Wanted, But, So.
- Ensure students have access to the text for reference during the activity.

## During:

After reading, instruct students to complete their individual charts by writing a statement under each section:

- **Somebody:** Identify the character.
- **Wanted:** Describe the character's goal.
- **But:** Describe a conflict that hinders the character.
- **So:** Describe the resolution of the conflict.

Remind students to focus on the most significant information that captures the essence of the story.

## After:

- Facilitate a class discussion where students share their summaries, highlighting the key elements they identified.
- Encourage students to reflect on how each component contributes to the overall understanding of the text.

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## Summarizing Characters' Goals, Conflicts, and Resolutions

**Instructions:** Every story has characters who have goals, face challenges, and find solutions. As you read, identify the main character and write their name in the "Somebody" section. In the "Wanted" column, describe what the character is trying to achieve. Next, explain the conflict that hinders them in the "But" section. Finally, summarize how the conflict is resolved in the "So" section. Once you've completed your organizer, share your thoughts with a partner and discuss your insights on the character's journey.

<b>Somebody</b>	<i>Who is the main character?</i>
<b>Wanted</b>	<i>What does the character want to achieve?</i>
<b>But</b>	<i>What conflict or challenge does the character face?</i>
<b>So</b>	<i>How did the character try to resolve the issue?</i>
<b>Then</b>	<i>What happened? What was the outcome?</i>
<b>Summary Statement</b>	