

# Lesson 7

## Recounting Stories

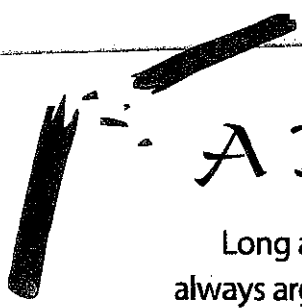


### Learning Target

Retell or recount stories from around the world by telling key events in the order in which they happened.

► **Read** When you **recount** a story, you are retelling the story in your own words. Be sure that you include the key details and **events** that happened in the beginning, middle, and end. Tell the events in the **sequence**, or order, in which they happened.

**Read this story. Think about what happens at the beginning, middle, and end. Then reread the story. What are the most important details?**



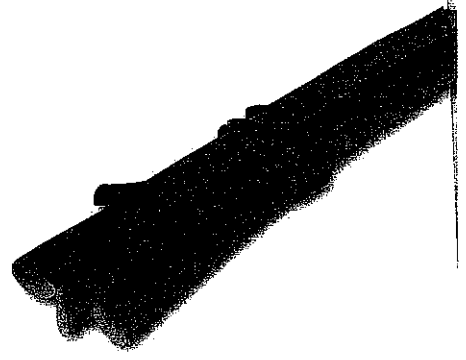
### A Bundle of Sticks

Long ago, a mother had three children who were always arguing. "Your arguing sounds worse than the clucking of all the hens in the world," their mother told them. She wanted them to stop!

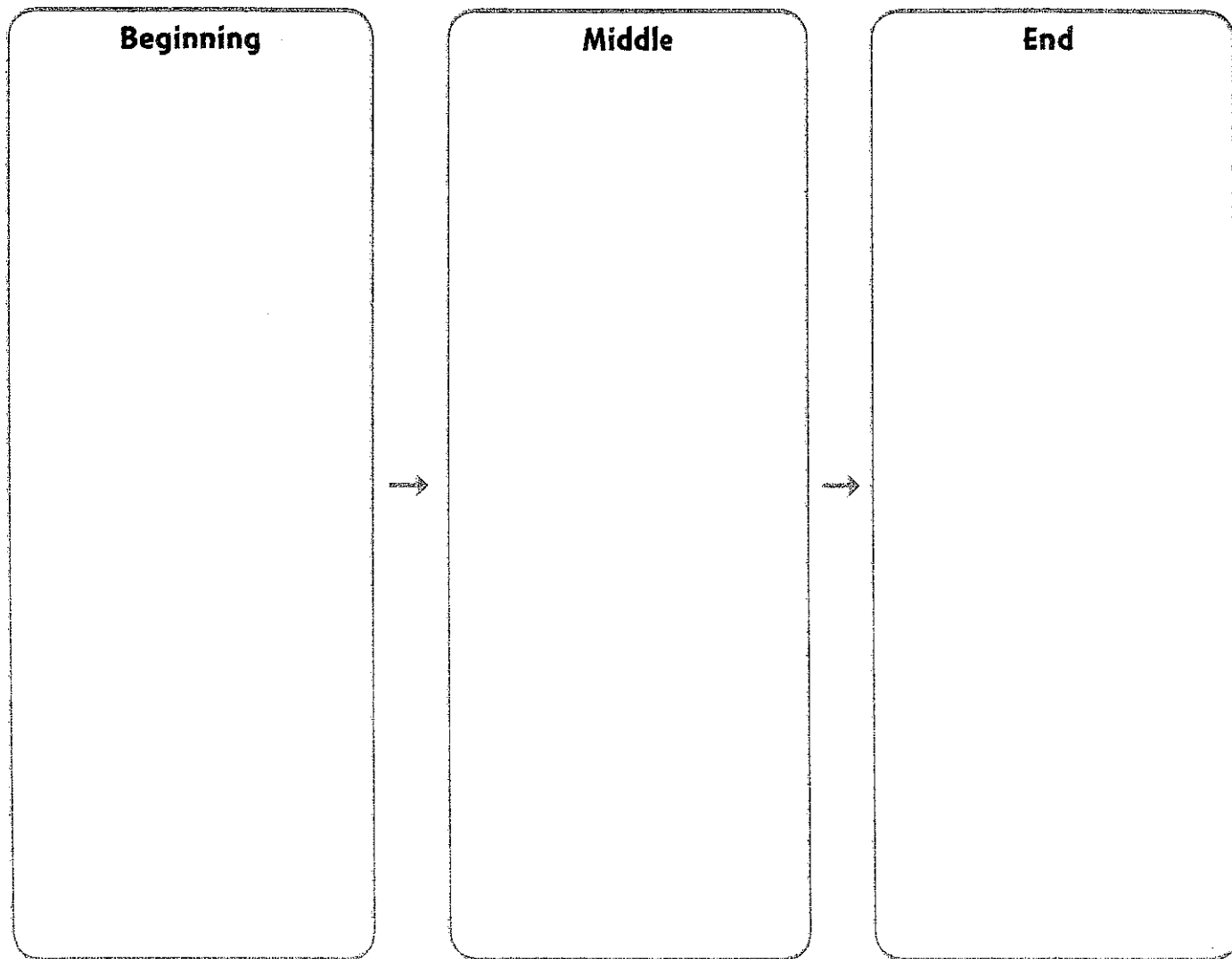
One day she got an idea. She gathered the children around her. Then she took a stick and broke it. "See how easy it is to break one stick?" she asked. Then she tied three sticks together. She asked each child to try to break the sticks. None of the children could break the bundle.

The mother told the children, "We're just like the sticks. When we don't stay together, our family is weak. When we stay together, nothing can break us apart."

The children understood! From that day forward, they didn't argue (as much).



► **Think** The chart below will help you to organize the most important details of a story. Think about what happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Then add those details to the chart.



► **Talk** Using the key details in your chart, retell the story to your partner.



**Academic Talk**

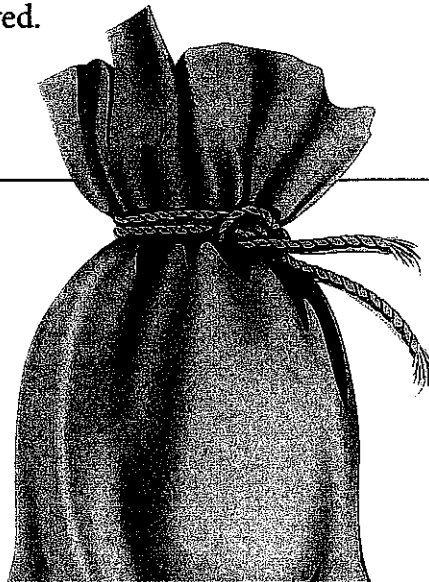
Use these words to talk about the text.

- **recount**                      • **sequence**                      • **character**
- **setting**                        • **events**

# Brother and Sister

a folktale from Korea

- 1 Long ago, a brother and sister grew rice to sell. Through the long summer, they worked together to care for the rice paddies. In the fall, they harvested all the rice and put the rice into bags. Each got the same number of bags.
- 2 After one harvest, the brother announced he was soon to be married. The sister knew her brother would need money to buy a new house for his bride. She didn't feel the rice was divided fairly, so that night, she took an extra bag of rice to her brother's house in secret.
- 3 The brother, too, felt the rice was not divided fairly. His sister had a large family. She would need more rice. So that night, the brother took an extra bag to his sister's house in secret.
- 4 The next day, the brother and sister counted their rice bags. Strange! Both had the same number as before. So that night, when the moon was full, they made another attempt. In the moonlight, the brother and sister each saw the other carrying a bag of rice! They laughed. The mystery was solved.



## Close Reader Habits

**Underline** the sentences that tell the key events.

**Explore****How do you choose which details to include when you recount a story?**

To decide whether a detail is important, think about whether the story makes sense without it.

**► Think**

- 1 Recount the folktale "Brother and Sister" by adding key details to the chart below.

<b>Beginning</b>	<i>A brother and sister grow and sell rice. They each get the same number of bags of rice.</i>
<b>Middle</b>	<i>Sister</i>  <i>Brother</i>
<b>End</b>	

**► Talk**

- 2 Using the details from your chart, take turns retelling the story with your partner.

**► Write**

- 3 **Short Response** Which details from the chart do you think are most important? List them and tell why you chose them. Use the space provided on page 112 to write your answer.

**HINT** What details would you need to help a friend understand what happens in the story?



**Write** Use the space below to write your answer to the question on page 109.

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**3 Short Response** Which details from the chart do you think are most important? List them and tell why you chose them.

**HINT** What details would you need to help a friend understand what happens in the story?

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