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Continuation Writing

I got my head stuck in a pumpkin

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Guessing game

What are traditional Halloween activities?



People wear costumes.



Children can play *trick or treat* on their neighbors.

to scare away the evil spirits...



People carve pumpkins.



阅读下面短文，根据所给情节进行续写，使之构成一个完整的故事。

Pumpkin(南瓜) carving at Halloween is a family tradition. We visit a local farm every October. In the pumpkin field, I compete with my three brothers and sister to seek out the biggest pumpkin. My dad has a rule that we have to carry our pumpkins back home, and as the eldest child I have an advantage - I carried an 85 -pounder back last year.

This year, it was hard to tell whether my prize or the one chosen by my 14-year. Old brother, Jason, was the winner. Unfortunately we forgot to weigh them before taking out their insides, but I was determined to prove my point. All of us were hard at work at the kitchen table, with my mom filming the annual event. I'm unsure now why I thought forcing my head inside the pumpkin would settle the matter, but it seemed to make perfect sense at the time.

With the pumpkin resting on the table, hole uppermost, I bent over and pressed my head against the opening. At first I got jammed just above my eyes and then, as

I went on with my task,unwilling to quit,my nose briefly prevented entry. Finally I managed to put my whole head into it, like a cork (软木塞) forced into a bottle.I was able to straighten up with the huge pumpkin resting on my shoulders.

My excitement was short-lived.The pumpkin was heavy. "I'm going to set it down, now,"I said,and with Jason helping to support its weight,I bent back over the table to give it somewhere to rest. It was only when I tried to remove my head that I realized getting out was going to be less straightforward than getting in.When I pulled hard,my nose got in the way.I got into a panic as I pressed firmly against the table and moved my head around trying to find the right angle,but it was no use."I can't get it out!"I shouted,my voice sounding unnaturally loud in the enclosed space.

Para.1 *I was stuck for five or six minutes though it felt much longer.*_____

Para.2 *That video was posted online the Monday before Halloween.*_____

Read the story

Get the main idea (把握故事梗概)

at Halloween

?



in the kitchen

Jason
dad
mom
I

to prove my point as a winner
of the biggest pumpkin

I got my head stuck
in a pumpkin

Read the characters

Know the main characters (明确主要人物)

dad

- makes it a rule to bring home **the biggest pumpkin** at Halloween.

I

- the **eldest** child
- have an **advantage**--I carried an 85-pounder back last year
- **unwilling** to quit

Jason

- my 14-year-old brother

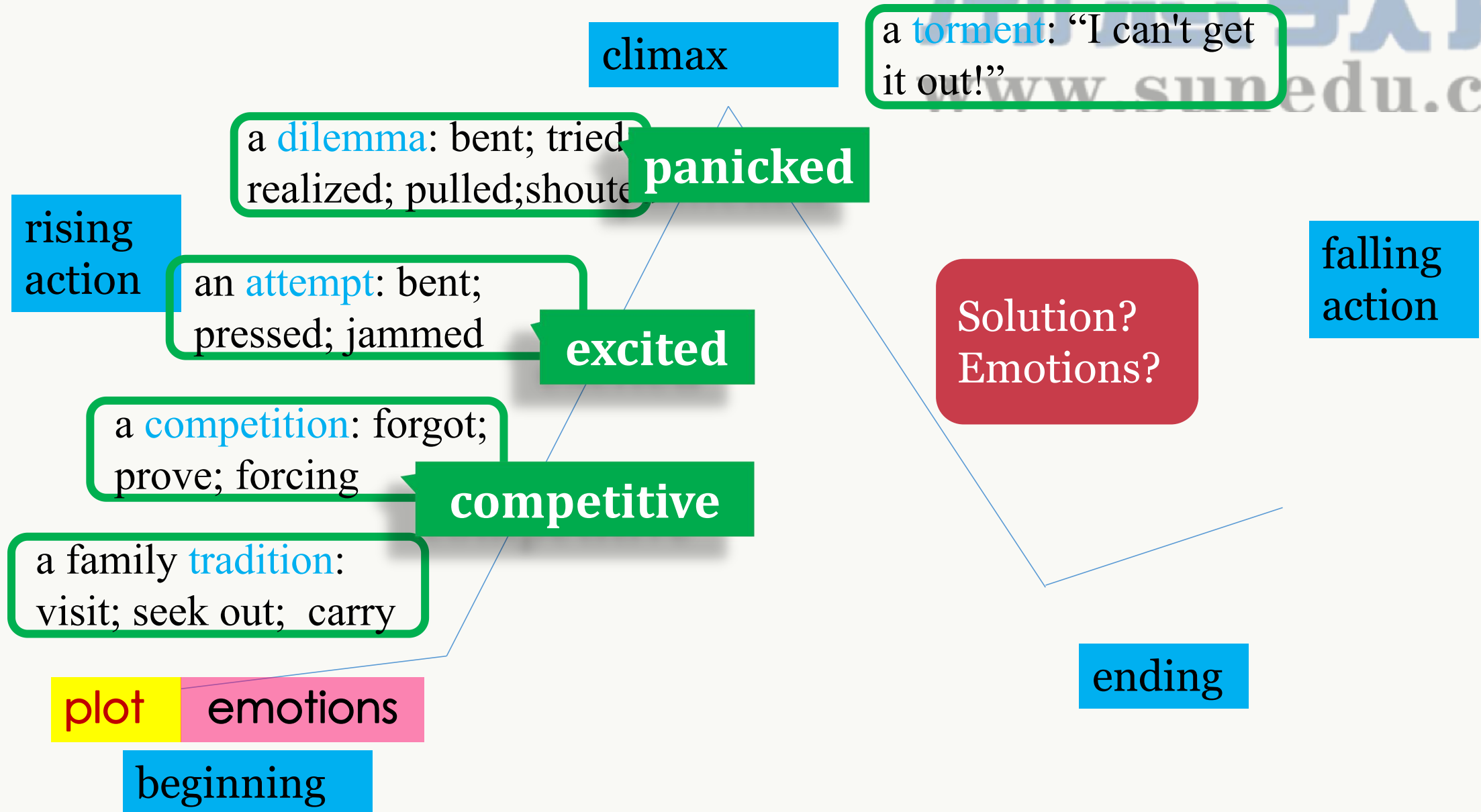
mom

- filming the annual event



Read the plot

Clarify the main events (理清主要事件)



Read the given sentences

Predict the ending (预测故事结尾)

Underlined words:

Object:  pumpkin

Characters:  dad  Jason  mom

Body:  head ☐ nose

Action: ☐ managed ☐ support ☐ rest ☐ pulled

Para.1 It was five or six minutes though it felt much longer.

1. How did I feel?

2. What further efforts did I made?

3. What did my family do to help?

4. What was the result?

Para.2 The video was posted online the Monday before Halloween.

1. What response did I get online ?

2. How did I feel?

3. What did learn?

A dilemma

A delight

list the writing points

List the outline (罗列写作要点)

Para.1

plot

emotions

- my attempt to pull my head out
- my family offered help
- my head was released
- my mum captured the whole event

anxious



hopeless



relieved

Para.2

plot

emotions

- reactions from netizens
- my reflections on the event

surprised



delighted

anxious:

- Several fruitless attempts made n
- I was getting more **nervous** every
- I **lost my cool**. (失去冷静)/I began
- **Seized** by a strong sense of anxie

physical reaction:

心跳加快

- My heart was pounding/thudding
- My stomach fluttered (快速跳动)
- With heart in my mouth, I ...
- My heart beat in my throat.
- My stomach feels upset-like it's f
- My heart beat so violently that I

呼吸不畅: I **gulped** (因担忧倒吸气)

口干脸烫: My throat was **dry**, face **burning up**.

Frustrated:

- I was **furious** at my stupid attempt.

- “Stupid!” I said to myself.

myse

- I **co**

laugh

- Their

- Frust

of gi

- I fel

- I was

- I felt so **restless**.

- Exhausted, he **flopped down** into a chair.

(一屁股坐下)

➤ **relieved:**

- I **heaved** a sigh of relief.

- I **let out** a long sigh.

- I cheered/sighed **with relief**.

- I **burst out** cheering.

- I **gasped** for fresh air;

- I took a minute to catch my breath and **steady** myself.

- I felt **a wave of relief**.

Para.1 It was five or six minutes though it felt much longer.

Plot-efforts from my family

1. 围拢探情况

- Jumping to their feet, they huddled(聚/挤) around me.
- After a careful study, they began to work on it.

2. 安慰

- Jason stepped forward, patted me on the shoulder to ease me.
- Sensing my mounting anxiety, Jason put one's arms around one's neck to offer comfort.

3. 出主意

- “Let's tug(拉)it down together,”they chirped.
- Jason proposed calling the fire department.

4. 拉/拽/举起

- They dragged/pulled /yanked at the pumpkin with all their strength.
- Dad rushed to lift it to reduce its weight on my head.

Para.2 The video was posted online the Monday before Halloween. _____

Plot-netizens reaction

The video _____.

- ☐ provoked abundant attention
- ☐ caused quite a stir
- ☐ raised wide attention

They _____.

- ☐ showed their sympathy.
- ☐ gave loads of likes(点赞).
- ☐ shared their own moments of dilemma.
- ☐ ...

emotions

They mentioned that on seeing the video they _____

- ◆ cried out in delight.
- ◆ They chuckled(咯咯笑)/giggled/sniggered(窃笑).
- ◆ roared with laughter.(放声大笑)

Getting so many responses from strangers, **I** _____

- ◆ was dumbfounded (目瞪口呆的)
- ◆ couldn't dampen my excitement
- ◆ ...

Sample and appreciation

It was five or six minutes though it felt much longer. Trapped in the pumpkin, I gulped for air, my throat dry and face burning up. It was a torment for me. I wrestled with the problem, attempting to squeeze my head out of it, but in vain. So frightened was I that I pulled, and banged the pumpkin frantically. Noticing my mounting fear, Jason proposed calling the fire department, while others roared with laughter which made my blood boil. In great agony, I let out a loud cry which awakened my dad upstairs. Down dashed my dad who got me to push my head farther into the pumpkin so that mom's hand could reach in and loosen my ponytail. My head was finally released and it was then that I realized my mom had been filming the whole time.

Sample and appreciation

The video was posted online the Monday before Halloween.

When I logged in my Facebook I found myself dumbfounded by the abundant likes I received from those who had seen my video. Browsing their messages, I felt a wave of warmth. The nasty dilemma where I got the pulp-plugged nose, the sore chin by the stubborn pumpkin was melted in the positive responses, the heartfelt comfort as well as the countless similar stories shared by those strangers. Thanks to mom, the video turned out to be a reminder, a captured memorable moment, a recollection of festival happiness, colored by hearty human interactions.



The end

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING