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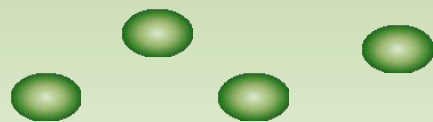


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# The Water of Life

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## The water of life

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It was one of the hottest days of the dry season. We had not seen rain in almost a month. The crops were dying. Cows had stopped giving milk. The creeks and streams were long gone back into the earth. It was a dry season that would bankrupt several farmers before it was through. Every day, my husband and his brothers would go about the tiring process of trying to get water to the farm. If we didn't see some rain soon, we would lose everything.

It was on this day that I learned the true lesson of sharing and witnessed the only miracle I have seen with my own eyes. I was in the kitchen making lunch for my husband and his brothers when I saw my six-year old son, Billy, walking toward the woods. He wasn't walking with the usual carefree abandon of a youth but with a serious purpose. I could only see his back. He was obviously walking with a great effort trying to be as still as possible. Minutes after he disappeared into the woods, he came running out again toward the house. I went back to make sandwiches, thinking that whatever task he had been doing was completed.



## The water of life

Moments later, however, he was once again walking in that slow purposeful stride toward the woods. This activity went on for over an hour: walking carefully to the woods, and then running back to the house. Finally, my curiosity got the best of me. I crept out of the house and followed him on his journey.

He was cupping both hands in front of him as he walked, very careful not to spill the water he held. Maybe two or three tablespoons were held in his tiny hands. I sneaked closer as he went into the wood. Branches and thorns slapped his little face but he did not try to avoid them. He had a much greater purpose. As I leaned in to spy on him, I saw an amazing sight. A mother deer with a huge pair of deer horns appeared in front of him, with a baby fawn(幼鹿) lying on the dry ground. I almost screamed to get him away.

Paragraph1 :

*However, Billy walked right up to them.* \_\_\_\_\_

paragraph 2:

*I witnessed the most beautiful heart working hard to save a life.* \_\_\_\_\_

## Summary of the story

The dry season had lasted quite a while without any sign of rain. The farmers suffered a lot, struggling (struggle) to find water for their farms, but without luck. Everything seemed likely to be lost unless any miracle came.

But a miracle did happen to my son Billy. While I was preparing dinner, I coincidentally found that he was going to and from the woods with great efforts. Out of curiosity (curious), I followed him, trying to work out what he was really up to. Billy held some water in his cupped (cup) hands and came to the woods, where the baby fawn was lying on the ground with her mother for company. The fawn was badly in need of water, obviously too thirsty and too weak to rise to his feet (foot).

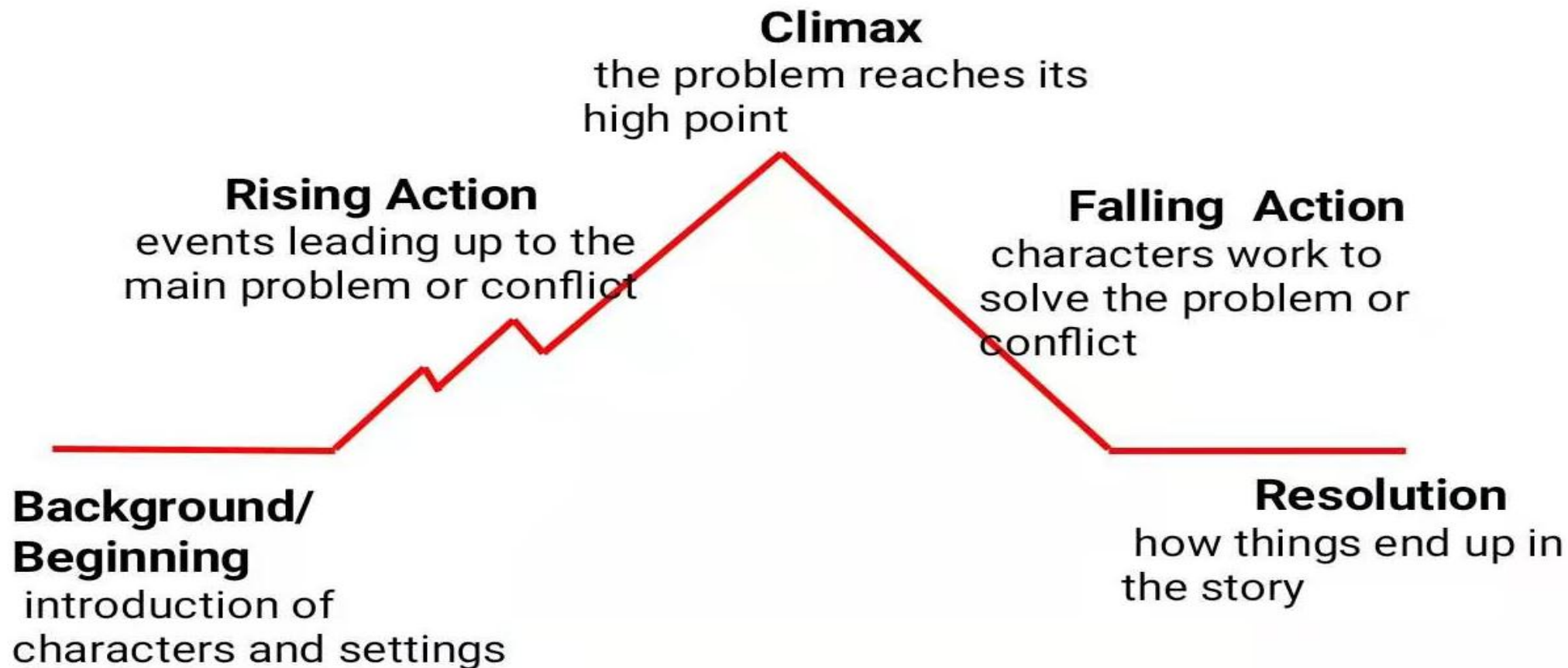
**Water mattered!**





# Undertsand the passage-- story mountain

故事山能够帮助迅速厘清故事结构，预测故事的发展方向，锻炼思维能力。



**Story Mountain故事山**

# Undertsand the passage-- story mountain

## Climax

Curiously, I followed Billy and found a weak fawn, with her mother for comapny, in desperate need of water.

curious

## Rising Action

I found my son Billy go to and from the woods repeatedly.

a little curious

## Falling Action

Para1: Billy walked right up to them...

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## Background/Beginning

The hottest days of hot season came without any sign of rain, which worried the farmers.

worried, desperate

## Resolution

Parag2: I witnessed the most beautiful heart working hard to save a life...

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## Story Mountain

## Design the plot-- Using underlined words

farm; woods

Billy; fawn

rain; miracle

cup; spill

dry; carefully

1. Billy carefully knelt by the fawn's side and carefully placed his cupped hands close to its mouth.
2. Cautiously, Billy approached the poor fawn and reached out his cupped hands, signalling the fawn to drink the water.
3. Miraculously, out of nowhere came a constant shower of rain, as if in answer to Billy's act of kindness.

1. Carefully, Billy placed his tiny cupped hands close to the fawn's mouth.
2. Though the mother deer's throat was burning dry, her heart and eyes watered.



**Tip1**

Underlined words help you design the plot without going off the main story line.



## Design the plot-- Using underlined words

farm; woods

Billy; fawn

rain; miracle

cup; spill

dry; carefully

✂ The rain that came that day was a miracle, saving our farm, just like my boy saved a life.

✂ And what a miracle! The tears on my cheeks turned into the long-expected rain from the sky!

✂ Then I felt something wet on my face. What a miracle! --- It was not the tears out of my eyes, but rain drops from the sky!

✂ And at that time, the miracle we had been praying for showered us -- the long-expected life of water finally fell on this dry land!

**Tip2**

If you want to convey some message at the end of the story, the underlined abstract noun can be a good hint.



## Design the plot-- first sentences

### Paragraph1

**However, Billy walked right up to them.**



- How did Billy feed the fawn?
- How did the fawn react to Billy's kindness and what did he do?
- What did the mother deer do?

### Paragraph2

**I witnessed the most beautiful heart working hard to save a life.**



- What did I do after witnessing the whole thing?
- How did Billy react to my sudden appearance?
- What miracle happened? (--rain)

## Design the plot-- first sentences

### Paragraph 1

However, Billy walked right up to them.

#### ➤ How did Billy feed the fawn?

1. Billy knelt by the fawn's side and carefully placed his cupped hands close to its mouth.
2. Cautiously, Billy approached the poor fawn and reached out his cupped hands, signalling the fawn to drink the water.

#### ➤ How did the fawn react to Billy's kindness and what did he do?

1. Instinctively, the fawn approached, stuck out his tongue and eagerly sucked every drop of water. Thirst satisfied, the fawn looked up at little Billy, licking his moistured lips, as if a sign of gratitude.
2. The fawn, suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion, lifted its head up with great efforts and eagerly lapped up the water cupped in my beautiful boy's hands.

## Design the plot-- first sentences

### Paragraph1

However, Billy walked right up to them.

#### ➤ What did the mother deer do?

- 1.The mother deer stood by as if in guard.
- 2.The mother deer, who had all the time been around, breathed a sigh of relief though she herself was so thirsty that her throat was burning dry.

### Paragraph2

I witnessed the most beautiful heart working hard to save a life.

#### ➤ What did I do after witnessing the whole thing?

- 1.Before he tried to explain, I strode to him and held him tight.
- 2.Deeply touched by his act of kindness, I strode over and gathered my young into my arms tightly, tears of pride rolling down my cheeks and his back.
3. Never could I have imagined that my young should be blessed with such a generous heart.

## Design the plot-- first sentences

### Paragraph2

I witnessed the most beautiful heart working hard to save a life.

#### ➤ How did Billy react to my sudden appearance?

1. A little embarrassed but still proud, he shared the whole story with me, saying that if he didn't offer the helping hand, the fawn would end up being thirsty to death.
2. Somewhat surprised at my sudden appearance, he appeared a little embarrassed and ran into my arms.
3. He couldn't wait to share the whole thing with me.

#### ➤ What miracle happened? (--rain)

1. I looked up at the sky. It was as if God, Himself, was weeping with pride. The rain that came that day was a miracle, saving our farm, like my boy saved a life.
2. And miraculously, the tears on my cheeks turned into the long-expected rain from the sky!
3. It must be God's answer to people's call for the rain, and also a reward for Billy's act of kindness!



## Design the plot-- foreshadowing(伏笔):

Given information	predictable plot
Para 1: We had not seen <u>rain</u> in almost a month + Para 2: miracle	文章结尾：雨水奇迹般地降临，呼应 <b>miracle</b> .
Para 2: walking...with a serious purpose; with a great effort trying to be as still as possible Walk out with a serious prurpose; run out again towards the house	如此郑重其事地对待，第一段可以写Billy看到小鹿站起来后地高兴劲。 <b>Seeind the cute creature back on its feetm Billy jumped up with joy, as if having saved the whole world.</b>
Para 3: my curiosity got the best of me. I crept out ... followed him on his journey	越是好奇，第二段写越是感动。 <b>Never could I have imagined that my young should be blessed with such a generous heart.</b>
Para 4: A mother deer with a huge pair of deer horns appeared in front of him, with a baby <u>fawn</u> (幼鹿) lying on the dry ground.	母鹿在边上，有威胁性。这样在第一段就凸显孩子的勇敢，也可写母鹿态度的改变。 <b>The nervous mother deer, who had all the time been around , now breathed a sigh of relief .</b>

## Language accumulation--口渴

- 1.His tongue was hanging out of his mouth, as if licking for water.
- 2.Saliva felt thick in her mouth.
- 3.He was so thirsty that the only thing in his thought was water.
- 4.He felt his throat was burning dry.



1. He was deeply touched/affected/moved/impressed/struck by what the boy had done to save us out of danger.
2. He was moved to tears.
3. He was so moved that his eyes watered.
4. Touched deeply/immensely, she hugged me tightly.
5. Tears filling her eyes, she offered her heartfelt gratitude.
6. With tears of gratitude streaming down her face, she failed to utter a word.
7. She swallowed hard and in tears ran into arms.
8. Sometimes, tears pooled in Hassan's eyes as I read him his passage.
9. The experience struck the audience's heartstring.
10. His heroic deed touched the nation's heart/ soul deeply.

*However, Billy walked right up to them. Cautiously, he knelt down by the weak baby fawn, seemingly familiar with the two creatures. The fawn, suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion lifted its head up with great efforts and eagerly lapped up the water cupped in my beautiful boy's hands. The mother deer stood by *as if in guard*. Not until the fawn licked the last drip of water did Billy move a little bit. I contained myself not to make a slightest sound, *for fear of* scaring them. (81)*

*I witnessed the most beautiful heart working hard to save a life. With the water gone, Billy jumped to his feet and *met my smiling eyes*. Before he tried to explain, I strode to him and held him tight. As the tears that rolled down my face began to hit the ground, they were suddenly joined by other drops and more drops and more. I looked up at the sky. It was as if God, Himself, was weeping with pride. The rain that came that day was a miracle, saving our farm, just like my boy saved a life. (87)*



## 下水作文及点评:

However, Billy walked right up to them. Carefully, he reached out his tiny cupped hands, his shining eyes expectantly looking at the fawn. Instinctively, the fawn approached, stuck out his tongue and eagerly sucked every drop of water. Thirst satisfied, the fawn looked up at little Billy, licking his moistured lips, as if a sign of gratitude. The mother deer, who had all the time been around, breathed a sigh of relief though she herself was so thirsty that her throat was burning dry. Seeing the fawn back on his feet, Billy, my baby, was more than delighted, as if he had saved the world.

(97)

### 作文点评:

1. **carefully, instinctively**等评注性状语置于句首，凸显动作神态。
2. **looking, licking, seeing**等非谓语动词的运用，使文章方式变得多样化。
3. 动作链和独立主格的运用，使句子变得紧凑，动作之间的紧密联系得到加强。
4. 动作和心理活动的穿插运用，使文章有了生命色彩。
5. 高级词块 **stick out, thirst satisfied, burn dry, back on one's feet.**



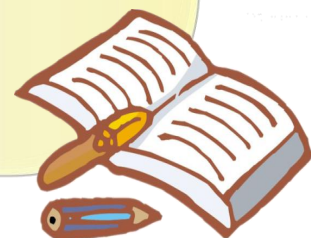


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作文点评：

1. **a little embarrassed but still proud** 形容词置于句首，**miraculously** 等评注性状语置于句首，凸显动作神态。
2. 多处分词和独立主格的运用，使文章表达方式变得多样化。
3. 结尾两句的点题，精彩地诠释了文中 **miracle** 的意义，高明！语言也有韵律感。
4. 高级词块 **tears of pride, end up doing, long-expected.**





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YOUR ATTENTION*

