The Plot of the Worms

**Directions:** The action of a story is called the plot. Many plots start with a problem or issue. The issue gets more complicated until it reaches a climax, or turning point—usually the most dramatic part of the story. The result of the climax follows, then the conclusion. Fill in each block in the pyramid below to identify the plot parts of “The Day the Worms Moved In.” Use the prompts to help you.

**1. Opening Action**
What big problem is Maddie facing at the beginning of the story?

**2. Rising Action**
What are some ways that Maddie tries to deal with her problem?

**3. Climax**
What dramatic event happens that forces Maddie to face her problem?

**4. Falling Action**
How does Maddie react to this event?

**5. Conclusion**
What has Maddie learned about herself in the end?