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I CAN IDENTIFY MAJOR EVENTS AND CHALLENGES IN A STORY

I CAN DESCRIBE HOW CHARACTERS RESPOND TO MAJOR EVENTS AND CHALLENGES

**Mike the Cat**

Mike the cat was a normal cat. He had two ears, four paws, and a short, stubby tail. What a minute! A short, stubby tail? All the other cats that Mike had seen had long tails. Mike decided that his short tail would never do. He had to get a long tail! But how?

Mike went to many different places trying to find a long tail. He spoke with many cats that had long tails. “My, what a weird cat you are!” they would say. “We have never seen a cat with a short, stubby tail.”

The other cats loved to ask Mike questions about his tail. He told stories of how no one ever stepped on his short tail, and how when a door slammed, his tail never got caught. The cats loved his amazing stories.

Soon, Mike forgot all about wanting a long tail! Maybe being a cat with a short, stubby tail wasn’t so bad. Mike had made many friends because of his tail. “I guess being one-of-a-kind is not so bad after all,” Mike thought.

Identify the challenge Mike faced at the beginning of the story.

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Describe how Mike responded to the challenge at the beginning of the story.

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Tell how Mike responded to the challenge at the end of the story.

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