**Story task**

In this Task, you should choose an interesting story for you from the following links. You have to read and understand the chosen story, and then answer the questions below. You can use on-line dictionaries when you come across difficult words. (You can use the dictionaries in the home page).

The stories links are:

 [A Coward](http://www.englishclub.com/reading/story-coward.htm)

 [A Dark Brown Dog](http://www.englishclub.com/reading/story-dark-brown-dog.htm)

 [A Haunted House](http://www.englishclub.com/reading/story-haunted-house.htm)

 [An Affair of State](http://www.englishclub.com/reading/story-affair-of-state.htm)

 [The Black Cat](http://www.englishclub.com/reading/story-black-cat.htm)

 [The Fall of the House of Usher](http://www.englishclub.com/reading/story-house-of-usher.htm)

 [Haircut](http://www.englishclub.com/reading/story-haircut.htm)

**QUESTIONS**

1. What is the main idea of the story?
2. Who is the main character(s) of this short story? Write few sentences about him/her/their: age, family background, social life, interest….etc
3. Is the protagonist a round or a flat character? Support your answer with evidence(s).
4. Are any other characters in the story? Name them.
5. What is the climax in the story?
6. At what points does the flow of story significantly slow down or speed up? Why, in each case?
7. What are the five major events in the story? (In order)
8. List the most important fact you learn from the story.
9. If you have the choice to continue the story, what events would you include? Why?
10. Do you think this story has anything similar to your life? What? How? Why?
11. After you have answered all the questions and get a clear picture about the story you have read. Complete the story outline below and discuss it with your friend later on. (you can use the answers you have given to the questions above)

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| **TITLE**  |

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| **SETTING**  |

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| **CHARACTERS**  |

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| **CLIMAX** |

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| **MAJOR EVENTS**  |

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| **CONCLUSION** |