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## Plot and Theme

- The **plot** is an organized pattern of events.
- The **theme** is the “big idea” of a story.

**Directions** Fill in the table below, which will guide you through a summary of the plot and end with your naming the theme of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.

**Possible responses given.**

**Title** Goldilocks and the Three Bears

This story is about Goldilocks, Dad Bear, Mom Bear, and Billy Bear.

(name the characters)

This story takes place in the house of the Bear family.

(where and when)

The action begins when Mom Bear makes oatmeal that is too hot to eat. The family goes for a walk while it cools.

Then, Goldilocks wanders by their house. She goes inside to taste the oatmeal.

Next, she tastes the oatmeal, breaks their chairs and a crystal animal, and falls asleep in Billy Bear’s bed.

After that, the Bears return and find the things she’s broken. They also find her asleep in Billy Bear’s bed. She wakes up, says she’s sorry, and runs off.

The story ends when Billy Bear stops her and says he forgives her.

Theme: It is best to respect the property of others.