

Flashback Worksheet***Take a Trip Down Memory Lane...***

Flashback is when the author takes the reader back in time in the story.

Directions: Read the short stories. Each has a flashback. Put at least two events from the story into each box.

1. Kelly groaned and held her elbow. She was sitting on the bench in the doctor's office. The doctor turned to Kelly and asked, "So, how did it happen anyway?" Kelly thought back to the box-sled challenge. Her brother wanted them to do it. They broke down a box, and brought it to the top of the stairs... Kelly thought back and shuddered. Then she told the doctor, "I fell."

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| <i>Kelly's brother wanted to do a challenge.</i> | |

2. Keith and Rich sat in the principal's office. They scowled at one another. Keith had a mean scratch. Rich's eye was swollen. The principal asked, "So, how did you two get in here?" They tried to explain. They had been in reading class. Suddenly, their friend Tommy walked in late. He had an extra concert ticket. But, he only had one. The boys decided wrestle for it. It was only fair.

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3. Devin combed her hair with her fingers. She gazed in the mirror in the gas station bathroom. A truck honked in the distance. Why did she ever dye her hair purple? That was silly. As she stared in the mirror, she remembered when her hair was its natural color. It was so easy to find the right outfit back then. Fewer people gave her strange looks. Life was so simple back then. Devin sighed.

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