



Types of Resolutions

The resolution of a story directly follows the climax. It is the end of the story. There are six different kinds of resolutions:

- Resolved ending: All conflicts are resolved, and there are no lingering questions or loose ends.
- Unresolved ending: The end is not really “the end;” the reader is purposely left with more questions than answers.
- Expanded ending: The author provides further comment beyond the resolution of the story events. An epilogue is a common way to create an expanded ending.
- Unexpected ending: The story ends with a “twist,” in a way that the reader didn’t see coming.
- Ambiguous ending: The ending is open to interpretation by the reader.
- Tied ending: The story comes full circle and ends where it began.

What kind of resolution will you use for your story? Why?
