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A tragedy is a kind of story in which the protagonist meets an unfortunate end either due to a character flaw or the cruelty of fate. Tragedy is the opposite of comedy, which mixes what is familiar with what is absurd to make audiences laugh.

DIRECTIONS: Read each short plot summary. Is the story a tragedy or a comedy?

1. Two women, identical twins who are both frustrated with their lives, decide to switch places for a weekend. They discover that they are each really meant to be with the other twin's romantic partner. When they finally reveal their trick to everyone involved, both of the newly configured couples live happily ever after.

What kind of story is it? _____

2. A man who gets caught up in a misunderstanding that costs him a friendship and his marriage. The situation could be resolved, but because he is unable to think the best of people and unwilling to forgive the real mistakes that have been made, he ends up sad and alone for the rest of his life.

What kind of story is it? _____