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Use this sheet to brainstorm ideas for your narrative's main **conflict**—a problem or challenge for your story's characters.

1. Give a brief description of the **main character** of your narrative. Include information about the character's personality. Remember, in a personal narrative, **you** are the main character!

*Example: The main character is a friendly eleven-year-old boy with a new dog. He doesn't like saying what he really thinks.*

<b>Main Character</b>
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2. Write down what the main character in your narrative might want—these are the character's **desires**. Then, write down what **challenges** might stand in your character's way. Challenges could be situations in the story, or they could be other characters.

<b>What Your Character Wants (Desires)</b>
<i>Example: The main character wants to have a good relationship with his dog, Coltrane.</i>



<b>What Stands in Your Character's Way (Challenges)</b>
<i>Example: The main character is afraid he will lose Coltrane's love if he says "no" to the dog.</i>

3. Put a star (☆ or \*) next to the most interesting desire and challenge. Then, connect them in a single idea that describes your story's **conflict**, the main problem your characters will face. This conflict will drive the action in your narrative.

*Example: The main character struggles to say "no" to his dog because he doesn't want to hurt their relationship.*

<b>Conflict</b>
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