Homework:

Read the story and questions below and answer the questions in the Summary: Making Friends google doc under this same homework link.

Making Friends

Fiona turned and stared at the red brick building. All last year, she had waited excitedly to pass fifth grade and start middle school. Now that day was here, and it took all her strength not to cry. This was not the school she planned to attend. Her family had moved from Florida to California over the summer, and she did not know a single person in her new town.

Last night, her mother had given her some advice: "Honey, people will want to be your friend if they think you like them."

"How am I supposed to show that?" Fiona asked. "I don't even know them."

"A simple way to show interest is to give them a compliment. Try saying something like, 'Those are pretty earrings. Where did you get them?' You will be surprised how quickly a conversation starts," her mother replied. Fiona was doubtful.

Fiona took a deep breath, slung her backpack over her shoulder, and walked up the steps. A tall boy skidded his mountain bike into the bike rack and called out, "Hey Todd! How was your summer?"

"My parents took us camping. It was great!" Todd yelled back.

"Julie, wait up! Who do you have for homeroom?" shouted a perky blond girl as she shoved past Fiona on the steps. Great, Fiona thought, it is worse than I thought. No one even notices me. Anxiety about having to sit alone in the cafeteria made her stomach do flips.

Fiona hesitated at the doorway of her homeroom and warily eyed the scene. Kids acted like they all knew each other. She sighed and sat in her assigned desk. She took out a book and began to read.

"Hey", a voice whispered from across the aisle. "I love that book! I read the whole series this summer in Indiana. I didn't think anybody here would read them. Which one is your favorite?"

"I've only read the first two. So far, the second one is the best," Fiona whispered back.

"I think so, too! I'll lend you the next one if you want. My name is Nicki," said the girl. Fiona replied, "I'm Fiona. I just moved here this summer."

"Me, too!" Nicki said. "I was really worried about not knowing anybody. I lived in
Indiana my whole life. My mom told me to make new friends by talking about books because I love to read. Hey, do you want to sit together at lunch?"

Fiona laughed and felt relief wash over her. "Sure," she said. "And I like your earrings, Nicki. Where did you get them?"

Click on the Summary: Making Friends google doc under this same homework link and answer questions 1-5 like you would fill out an SWBST anchor chart. For question 6, in complete sentences, create a summary statement.

1. Somebody:

2. Wanted:

3. But:

4. So:

5. Then:

6. Somebody_________ wanted _______,
   but___________.
   So, _______________. Then, _______________.