Writing Narrative/Story

Holiday Homework



Narrative writing is generally thought of as story writing. The main purpose of a narrative text is to entertain the reader, viewer or listener. Sometimes narratives can also be used to inform or teach too.

Usually, a narrative will follow a very specific structure including a beginning, middle and end. It will often be written using chronological events and set in the past present or future.

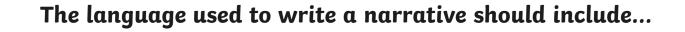
Features of a Narrative Text

A narrative text...

- tells a story, usually in chronological order;
- begins with an introduction to the characters and setting of the story;
- involves a problem or complication of some sort;
- includes a series of events;
- ends with a resolution.

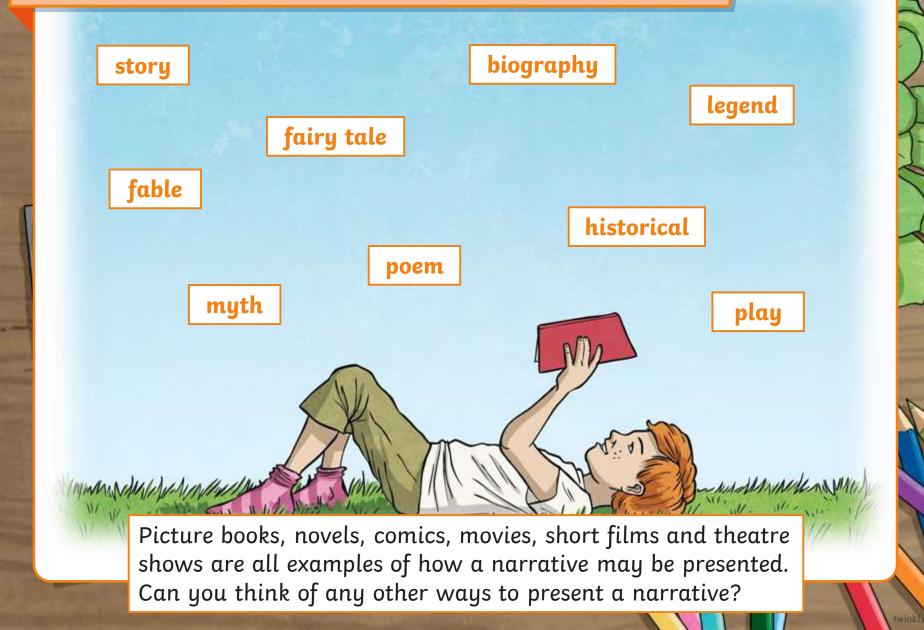


Language Used in Narratives



- past tense (often but not always)
- character names
- story specific vocabulary
- dialogue between characters
- · descriptive language to "show not tell" the story
- chronological sequencing words

Types of Narrative Texts



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Do you know a narrative about this picture?



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Discuss the narrative problem about this picture.



Can you write a narrative/story about this picture?



Word bank to help you.

Descriptive Settings: Forests and Woodland

What Can I Describe?	How Can I Describe It?	What Can It Do?	Examples of Effective Phrases	
bark	abundant	bend	The rustling leaves sang a soothing melody	
berries	chirping	creep	The rustling leaves sung a southing meloag	
birds	creaking	govern		
brambles	damp	groan	sun-dappled secrets being uncovered	
branches	decaying	jut		
deer	earthy	perch		
fallen leaves	fallen	protrude	scampered and scurried through a	
ferns	gloomy	rise	labyrinth of roots and fallen foliage	
foxes	humming	rustle		
ground	impenetrable	scamper	The haunting shadows of branches danced	
insects	peaceful	scrabble	across the floor	
ivy	rotting	scramble		
mice	rough	scurry		
moss	serene	settle	holding its majestic crown of leaves high	
pine cones	shady	shuffle		
spiders	silent	slouch	And and	
squirrels	stagnant	stumble		
thickets	sun-dappled	sway		
trees	tangled	twist		
trunks	tranquil	weave		
undergrowth	whistling	whisper		

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My Narrative Writing Checklist

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I have described the setting and atmosphere using descriptive language.	
I have introduced my character or characters and told the reader about them.	
I have explained what is happening at the beginning of the story.	
My story has a believable but interesting problem.	
My character(s) solve the problem in a believable way.	
I have shown the feelings of my character(s) as they deal with the problem.	
I have finished writing effectively to complete the story.	
I have written in paragraphs and each paragraph contains a new idea or event.	
I have used interesting language throughout my story to paint a clear picture for the reader.	
I have used time words to help the reader follow the story.	
I have used different types of sentences to make my writing entertaining.	
I have used speech carefully with correct punctuation.	
I have checked my work carefully and have corrected any spelling, grammar or punctuation mistakes.	

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Beginning What happens at the beginning? Who are the main characters? Where is it set? How are the characters feeling?	
Build up What happens next? How does the story hint at a problem? How are the characters feeling?	
Problem What is the problem within the story? How are the characters feeling?	
Resolution How is this problem resolved/ sorted out? How are the characters feeling?	
Ending How does the story end? Does it end happily? Is there a twist to the plot? How are the characters feeling?	

You can use this planning template as a guide to plan your story. You do not need print it out.

Word of the week

difference = in maths means take

away

difference & decrease

