

Narrative Writing

What is a narrative?

Narratives tell stories. They are written to entertain and to share experiences with a reader. Narratives can be written in many genres, such as novels, short stories, poems, diaries, and even biographies.

What is the structure of a narrative?

Orientation

This gives the reader an idea of what the text will be about.

1. The main character and sometimes other characters are introduced.
2. The setting, place and time is introduced.

Complication

1. A problem, complication or dilemma that the main character, or other characters is faced with is introduced.
2. This prompts more events for the characters to face in order to solve the original problem.

Series of Events

1. Paragraphs are used to explain and tell the story by exploring a series of events.
2. The feelings of the main character, and other characters, about the problem and other events is shown throughout this section.

Resolution

1. The problem, complication or dilemma is sorted out and the problem is resolved.
2. The series of events is brought to a close.

Coda

This part of the text is optional.

1. If there is a moral, or a lesson to be learnt from the text, then it is written at the end.