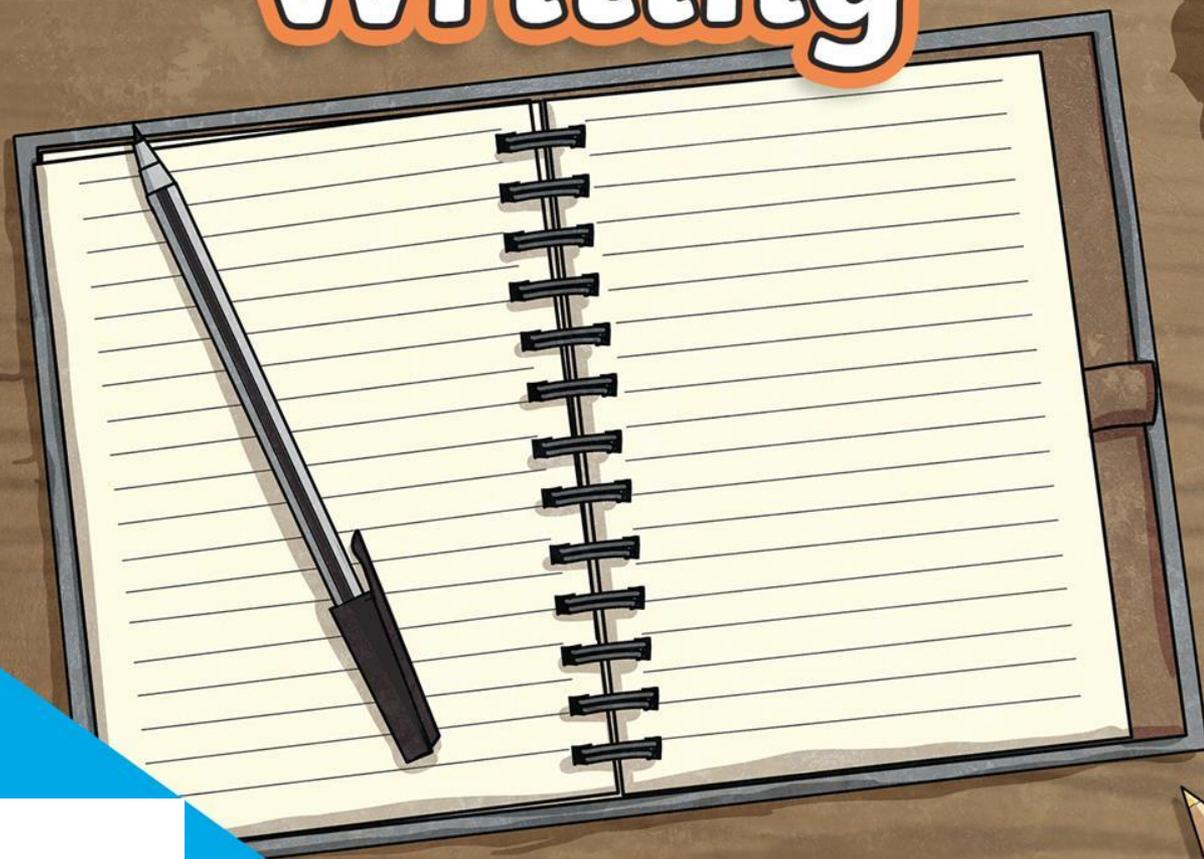


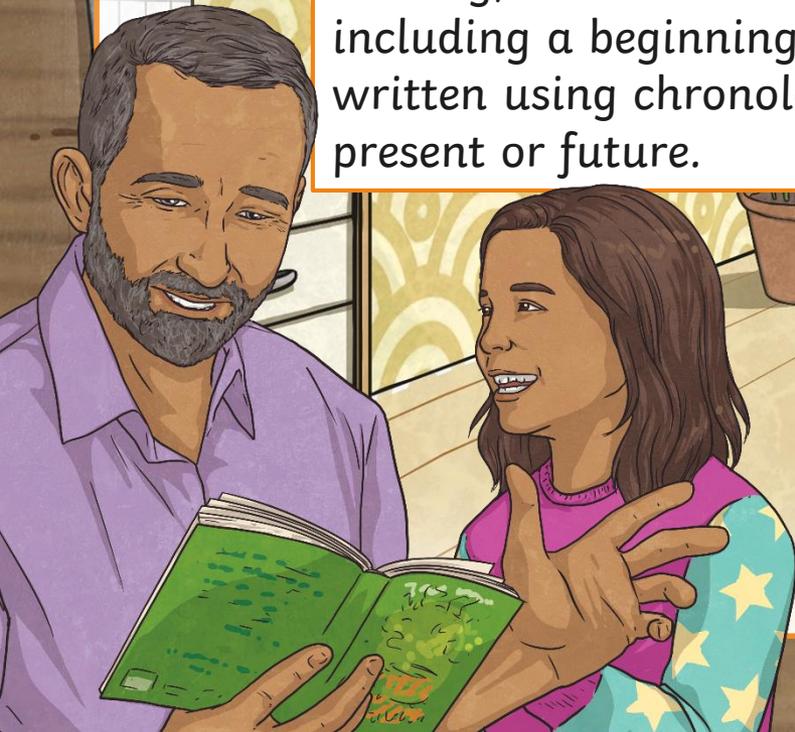
Narrative Writing



What is Narrative Writing?

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...

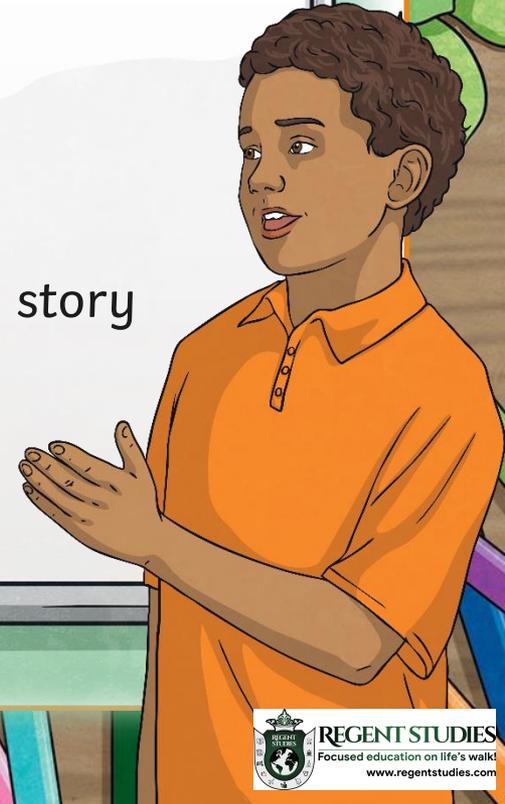
- tells a story, usually in chronological order;
- begins with an orientation, to introduce the characters and setting of the story;
- involves a problem or complication of some sort;
- includes a series of events;
- ends with a resolution.



Language Used in Narratives

The language used to write a narrative should include...

- 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

story

biography

legend

fairy tale

fable

historical

poem

myth

play



Picture books, novels, comics, movies, short films and theatre shows are all examples of how a narrative may be presented. Can you think of any other ways to present a narrative?

Types of Narrative Texts

Discuss with the person next to you what you might include in the **orientation** for a narrative about this picture.



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Discuss with the person next to you a possible **complication** for a narrative about this picture.



Types of Narrative Texts

Discuss with the person next to you a possible **resolution** for the problem shown in this picture.



