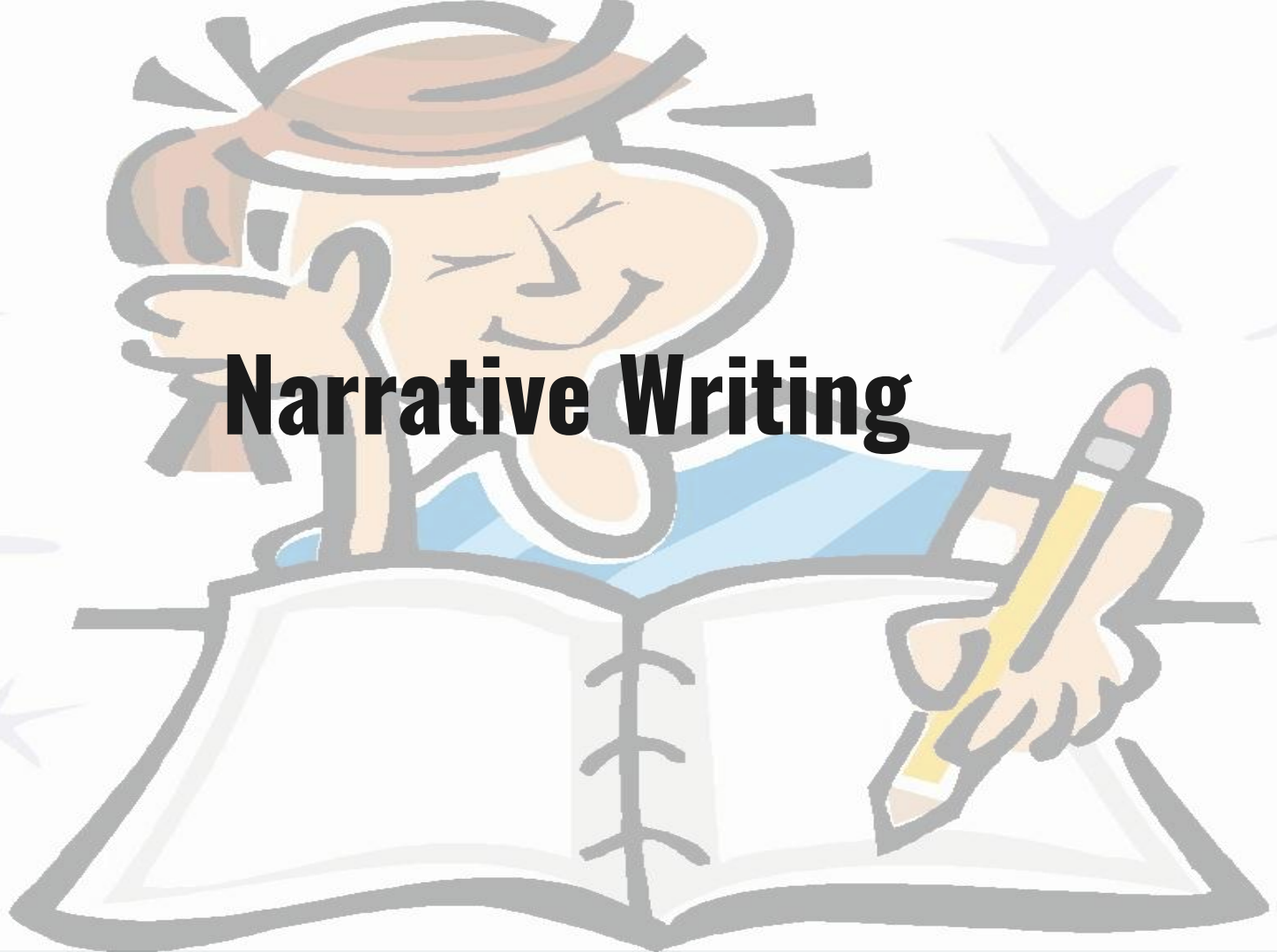


# **Narrative Writing**



# What is “narrative” writing?

Narrative writing is a type of writing that tells a story or gives an account of something that has happened. The story is fiction and it could be told in the first person (I, we, us) or third person (he, she, it, they).

-It can be written to persuade, entertain or to inform the reader.

## Why do we write narrative stories?

We write narrative stories to capture the reader's interest.

# What are the elements of a narrative story?

1) **Setting:** tells us *when* and *where* it happened.



1) **Characters:** the people or animals in the story. *Who?*



1) **Conflict:** makes us want to read on to find out what happened.



1) **Climax:** the most exciting part of the story.

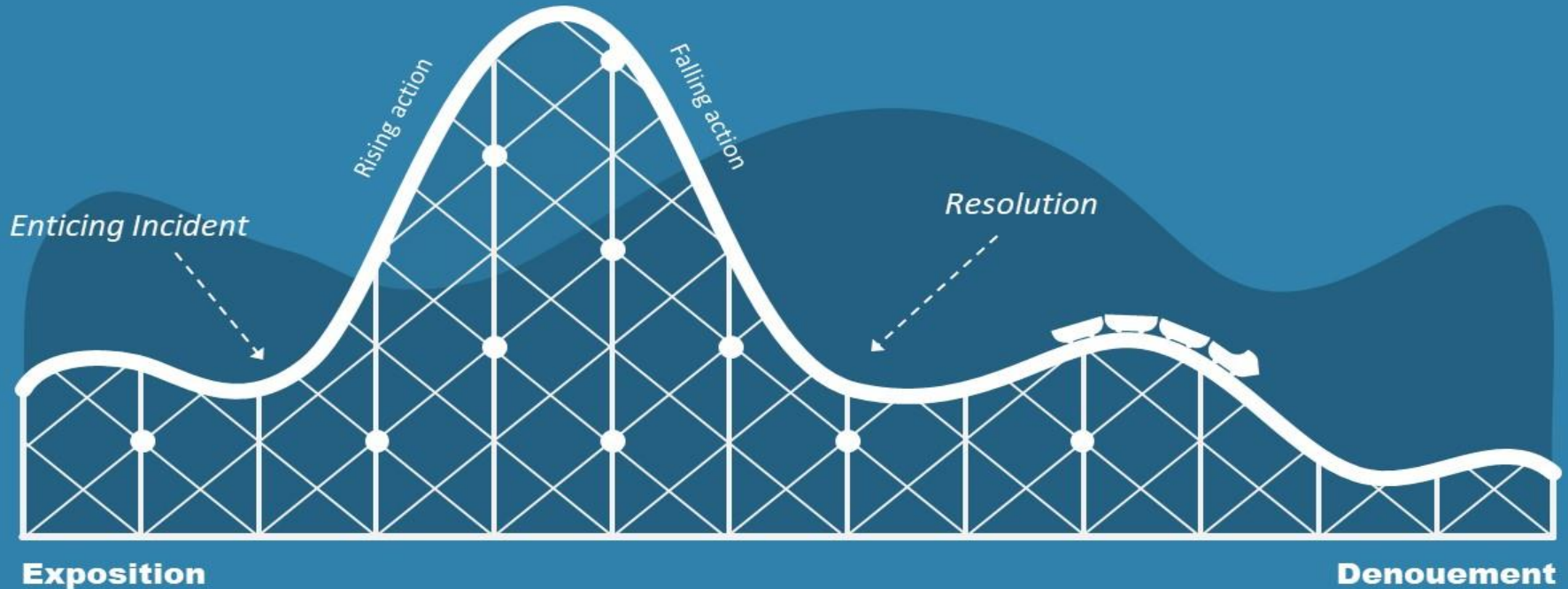


1) **Resolution:** how the problem gets fixed and how the story ends.



# A well-written plot is like a well-designed roller coaster

**Climax !**





# Things to check when you're writing a narrative story (story checklist)

## 1- Ideas

- *Who?*
- *Where?*
- *When?*
- *What?*

## 2- Dialogue



A dialogue should always be included in your narrative writing.

Remember to place quotation marks for the direct speech part of your sentence and to always create a new line for each new speaker. (Don't forget the punctuation rules!)

Example:

John cried, "Don't go through there!"

"Why?" asked Emily.

"It's very dangerous," replies John.





### 3- Word choice

- *Strong vocabulary*
- *Descriptive language (adjectives and adverbs + similes and metaphors)*
- *No redundancy!*



## 4- Sentence Fluency

Ask yourself:

- *Are my sentences easy to understand?*
- *Did I use different types of sentences? (simple, compound and complex)*

**Tip:** If you have too many similar sentences, you can combine them!



## The Flying Letter




Mark wanted to visit a friend, so he got on a bus. He wanted to arrive quickly because he had to give Angelo an important letter. “I must deliver this letter safely,” he said nervously as he looked out the window.

Suddenly, a strong wind blew, and the letter flew out. “Oh no! I can’t lose it!” Mark cried and quickly got off the bus. He ran after the letter but had to stop at a traffic light. “Where is it?” He wondered.

He ran along the street again and saw the letter flying in the wind. A young man caught it. It was Angelo, standing right in front of his house!

## An Unexpected Friendship



As the plane flew lower, Lou saw the golden beaches of the island below. The sun was shining brightly, and he said to the woman next to him, “I’m so excited about my holiday!”

When Lou got off the plane, he took a taxi straight to the city centre. He wanted to swim in the clear blue water and relax on the beautiful beach he had seen from the plane. However, the weather suddenly changed, and within minutes it started to rain heavily. Disappointed, Lou ran into a small beach bar.

Suddenly, he heard a familiar voice say, “Hi, it’s you again!” It was the woman from the plane. They laughed, talked, and decided to explore the island together.