

# Narrative Writing

## What is “narrative” writing?

Narrative writing is a type of writing that tells a story .

The story is fiction .

It could be told in the first person (I, we, us) or third person (he, she, it, they).

## Why do we write narrative stories?

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

# What are the elements of a narrative story?

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

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

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

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

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

(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!)

Here are some more examples of narrative writing dialogue:

“Are you ready for the adventure?” asked Mia.

“Absolutely!” said Leo, grabbing his backpack.

“Then let's go,” she replied with a smile.

“Did you hear that noise?” whispered Sam.

“I think it came from the attic,” replied Anna nervously.

“Let's check it out,” he said bravely.

### 3- Word choice

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

## 4- Sentence Fluency

*The sentences should be easy to understand*

*Use different types of sentences (simple, compound and complex)*

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

## **General Guidelines:**

- Your story should have three paragraphs.
- Leave 2 lines between paragraphs.
- Use the past tense throughout the story.
- Use correct punctuation.
- Include connectives to make your writing flow smoothly.



## **First Paragraph:**

**Introduce the story by including:**

- **A character:** (from the question). Stick to only two characters—do not add too many.
- **The setting:** (where the story takes place).
- **What happened:** (describe the main event that starts the story).
- **Direct speech:** (include at least one sentence in quotation marks: “ ” to show what a character says).

## **Second Paragraph:**

- **Develop the problem in the story:  
Describe the problem —what goes wrong?**
- **Use only past tense verbs to maintain consistency.  
Include at least one sentence in the past continuous tense  
(was/were + verb-ing) to describe an ongoing action.**
- **Do not mention the solution yet.**

## **Third Paragraph:**

- **End the story with a logical resolution:**

**Provide the solution in 2–3 lines.**

**Keep the ending realistic —avoid overused or unrealistic ideas like dreams, kidnappings, or getting lost in the forest.**

**Do not introduce new characters in the final paragraph.**

## 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. He 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.**