



## Purpose

Narrative is the art of story telling. It is designed to entertain and engage the reader.

# English writing genres

## LKS2 Narrative writing

### Additional language features

- Descriptive and precise language is used to create images in the reader's mind.
- Speech can be included to advance the action.
- Use the senses: what can be heard, seen, smelt, felt, tasted?

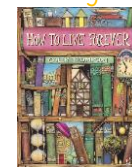
Use a variety of sentence starters:

- adverb: Curiously, Eventually,
- subordinate clause: While he watched,
- 'ing' words: Chasing, Mumbling,
- 'ed' words: Delighted, Disturbed,
- Simile: Like a snake, she crawled blindly...

### Features of narrative writing:

- The story has interest: events and characters engage the reader.
- The story has a clear beginning, middle and end.
- There is a focus on a small number of dramatic events.
- It is usually written in the past tense and the first person (I was) and these are used consistently.
- Effective use of adjectives and adverbs bring the story to life. Wherever possible, they make the characters seem real.
- The writing links the events together and flows.
- The writer uses 'show not tell'.
- Paragraphs are used to show: a new event; a change of speaker; a change of time or place.
- The beginning sets the scene with lots of high quality description.
- A strong final sentence is used to end the piece with drama.

In Year 3, do you remember writing a short narrative about key events from 'How to live forever'?



**Co-ordinating conjunctions**  
for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

### Subordinating conjunctions (some)

After, although, as, as though, because, before, even though, in order that, just as, once, since, unless, until, whenever, whether

### Synonyms for said (a tiny few)

accused, admitted, agreed, assured, babbled, beamed, cautioned, chided, claimed, continued, declared, demanded

### Extra for experts

- Include a metaphor: The blazing ball (sun) hung low in the sky.
- Include alliteration: He burst blindly into the dark room.
- Include a preposition phrase: Behind the tree, a silent figure stood...