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What is a narrative?



• A narrative tells a story through a series of events (plot) in volving characters.



What is a description?



• **Description** is a detailed account of something witnessed or experienced. Both may or may not be fictional.

What is descriptive language and style?



- Descriptions are often <u>written in the present tense</u> to give a sense of immediacy.
- Your vocabulary level and ability to structure varied and sophisticated sentences are assessed, so you should avoid repeating words or using non-sentences (without main verbs).
- Don't start every sentence in the same way, e.g with *There is* or *The storm* or *it*, but vary the subject and verb and the word order. *Variety is the key* to good descriptions, so try to avoid ordinary language and **include the following**:
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- •Unusual (polysyllabic) vocabulary
- •As many of the five sense as possible
- Multiple adjectives
- •Similes and metaphors
- •Varied sentences lengths and types
- Sound effects (e.g. alliteration, assonance, onomatopoeia).

What is an adjective? • Describing word

(usually comes before the noun, sometimes after the noun, later in a sentence.)

•Adjectives are the key to effective descriptive

writing; nouns need to be qualified by at least one adjective, and usually more, to enable the reader to picture what is being described, whether it's person, place or object.



The more precise varied and uncommon your adjectives are, the more the reader will be able to engage with your description.

Atmosphere can best be created by appealing to all **five senses:** <u>sight, sound, smell, touch, taste</u>. (taste can be included through choice of imagery, e.g. bitter, salty, mouth-watering; touch by references to temperature as well as texture, e.g. blistering, chilling.)

COLOR •Color is essential for conveying mood, and size and shape are also important elements in descriptive writing.

When more than one adjective is used before a noun, size and shape adjectives go first, color next, and other types of adjective closest to the noun.

•Example:

The large, silver-framed, speckled, antique mirror; The tiny, square, black, velvet-covered box.



See you next class