

# Narrative Writing

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## Quick Review

A NARRATIVE tells a story. Strong narrative writing has (1) a beginning that introduces characters and setting, (2) a middle with events in order, (3) descriptive details and dialogue, and (4) an ending that wraps the story up.

## PRACTICE

*Pick or write the best answer for each item.*

- Which sentence is the BEST opening for a narrative?
  - The bus is yellow.
  - It was the first day of third grade, and I forgot my lunchbox at home.
  - Today I will explain how buses work.
  - Buses are the best way to get to school.
- Which word signals the ORDER of events in a story?
  - because
  - next
  - however
  - for example
- Which sentence uses DESCRIPTIVE detail well?
  - The cat sat there.
  - The fluffy orange cat sat on the warm windowsill, watching the rain.
  - It was a cat.
  - The cat is animal.
- Which sentence uses DIALOGUE?
  - Mom said the dog was hungry.
  - “The dog is hungry,” Mom said.
  - Mom was speaking about the dog.
  - The dog wanted food.



- 5. Which sentence is a GOOD closing for a narrative?
  - A. The end of the day, I felt happy and very lucky.
  - B. There are many parts to a story.
  - C. I will write more stories next year.
  - D. And then everything was a thing.
- 6. Write the BEGINNING of a story. Tell WHO is in the story and WHERE it happens (1–2 sentences).

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- 7. Write a MIDDLE sentence with a PROBLEM or surprise.

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- 8. Why are SENSORY details (sight, sound, smell) helpful in a narrative?
  - A. They make the writing longer for no reason.
  - B. They help readers PICTURE the scene and feel like they are there.
  - C. They take the place of dialogue.
  - D. They show the writer can spell big words.

- 9. Which set of words shows a GOOD ORDER for narrative events?
  - A. next, suddenly, finally, first
  - B. first, then, suddenly, finally
  - C. finally, before, however, also
  - D. for example, also, first, next

- 10. Now finish your story from items 6 and 7. Write an ENDING that resolves the problem in 1–2 sentences.

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## Answer Keys

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| Explanations |   |
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| <b>1. B</b>  | B introduces a character (the narrator), a setting (first day), and a problem (lunchbox). A is just a fact; C is informative; D is opinion.   |
| <b>2. B</b>  | “Next” signals sequence. The others signal cause/effect, contrast, or examples.   |
| <b>3. B</b>  | B includes color, texture, place, and action. The others are bare.  |
| <b>4. B</b>  | B uses quotation marks and the exact words spoken. A reports what was said without dialogue.  |
| <b>5. A</b>  | A wraps the story with a feeling. B is informative; C is a meta-comment; D is unclear.  |
| <b>6.</b>    | <b>Answer:</b> Example: Last Saturday, my little brother Eli and I went to the city zoo for the first time.<br>Any clear beginning that names character(s) and setting.                             |
| <b>7.</b>    | <b>Answer:</b> Example: At the monkey area, Eli slipped his hand out of mine and ran toward the gate.<br>Any sentence that introduces conflict or a turn.   |
| <b>8. B</b>  | Sensory details build the world. The other options miss the point.  |
| <b>9. B</b>  | B moves from start to surprise to end. The others mix orders or use non-time words.   |
| <b>10.</b>   | <b>Answer:</b> Example: I caught up to Eli just before he reached the gate. We held hands the rest of the day, and Eli promised to stay close.<br>Any ending that resolves the problem from item 7. |



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