

Narrative writing structure

1 **Setting**

Location, surroundings, atmosphere, time of day, week, month, season, weather.

2 **Characters**

Introduce up to three characters by describing their appearance, behaviour and perhaps using direct speech. Make their relationship clear.

3 **Problem**

Create a situation requiring decision or discussion. Build up conflict, perhaps using dialogue.

4 **Climax**

Narrate a series of actions/events, leading to a crisis. Time pressure may be a factor.

5 **Resolution**

Describe the outcome, which may involve an ironic twist.