

Characteristics of Narratives

A narrative usually has ...

characters: the individuals in a story

setting: place and time of a story

plot: the events in the story, what happens to the characters

- introduction: sets the stage for the reader
- rising action: establishes a situation
- problem: what that the characters are trying to solve
- solution: how the characters solve the problem
- conclusion: how the narrative is wrapped up

dialogue: the speech and conversation of characters in a story

sensory details: words authors use in a story to create mental images in their readers' minds

transitional words: words used by authors to show the order of events and passage of time