



Narrative Techniques in Writing

Today's Standard

8.W.3b - Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

Cues	Notes
What are narrative techniques?	Narrative techniques are tools writers use to tell their stories more effectively.
How can dialogue enhance a narrative?	Dialogue helps to reveal character traits and advance the plot.
What is the role of pacing in storytelling?	Pacing controls the speed at which the story unfolds, creating tension or relaxation.
How does description contribute to a narrative?	Description provides vivid imagery and details that bring the story to life.
What is reflection in writing?	Reflection allows characters (or the narrator) to think back on events, adding depth and insight.

Summary

Narrative techniques, including dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, are essential tools for developing engaging and vivid stories. Understanding and applying these techniques can enhance both fictional and non-fictional writing.