



Narrative Writing Basics

Today's Standard

3.W.3a - Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a short story about a memorable day; Creating a comic strip with a clear beginning, middle, and end; Composing a diary entry that describes a series of events; Drafting a letter to a friend recounting a fun experience; Developing a script for a simple play

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to write a story by setting up a situation, introducing characters, and organizing events in a natural order.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think they can write a story with random events or that they need lots of characters. But stories need a clear order, and too many characters can be confusing.

Quiz Me

- What is the first thing you do when writing a story?
- Why is it important to have a clear order of events?
- How many characters should you have in your story?
- What tool can you use to plan your story?
- Why is it okay to have only a few characters?

Help Me

Writing stories helps us share our experiences and ideas. Think about your favorite story and how it starts, who the characters are, and what happens first, next, and last. Try writing about a fun day you had, and remember to keep it simple and clear!