



Narrative Writing Structure

Today's Standard

4.W.3a - Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a short story with a clear beginning, middle, and end; Creating a comic strip that follows a logical sequence of events; Developing a script for a short play or skit; Writing a diary entry that introduces a situation and characters; Crafting a personal narrative about a memorable event

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about writing stories. We need to start by setting up the situation and introducing the people in the story. Then, we make sure the events happen in a way that makes sense.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might list all the people in the story at once, which can be confusing. Another tricky part is making the events flow smoothly instead of sounding like a list.

Quiz Me

- Who are the characters in your story?
- What is the setting of your story?
- What happens first in your story?
- What happens next in your story?
- How does your story end?

Help Me

When writing a story, think about real-life events. For example, if you are writing about a trip to the zoo, start by saying who went with you and what you saw first. Then, describe the animals you saw next and how you felt. Finally, tell what happened at the end of the trip.