

Parent Guide to the

# Narrative Writing Structure

# Today's Standard

5.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 personal narratives about memorable events; Creating fictional stories with well-defined characters and plots; Drafting scripts for short plays or skits; Composing diary entries from the perspective of historical figures; Writing blog posts or journal entries about daily experiences

## Today | Learned

Today, we learned how to write stories by setting up a situation and introducing characters. We also learned how to organize events so the story makes sense.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids might think that all stories have to start with something exciting happening right away. Others might think they can tell the events in any order they want. Both of these ideas can make the story confusing.

### Quiz Me

- What is the first thing you do when starting a story?
- How can you introduce a character in your story?
- Why is it important to organize the events in your story?
- Can you start a story with a setting description?
- What helps make a story easy to follow?

### Help Me

When writing a story, start by setting up what is happening and who is in the story. Make sure the events happen in a way that makes sense, like telling about your day from morning to night. This helps people understand and enjoy your story.