

Parent Guide to the

Narrative Techniques in Writing

Today's Standard

5.W.3b - Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a short story using dialogue to show character interactions.; Creating a diary entry that describes a significant event with vivid details.; Developing a script for a play that uses pacing to build suspense.; Writing a personal narrative about a memorable experience, including character reactions.

Today | Learned

Today, we learned about using dialogue, description, and pacing to make stories more interesting. These tools help us show what characters are like and how they feel.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that just using dialogue is enough to tell a story, but they also need to describe what is happening. Another tricky part is pacing, which is how fast or slow the story goes. It's important for keeping the reader interested.

Quiz Me

- What is dialogue?
- Why do we use descriptions in stories?
- What does pacing mean?
- How can dialogue help tell a story?
- Why is it important to use different techniques in writing?

Help Me

Using dialogue, description, and pacing in stories helps make them more fun to read. For example, when writing about a fun day at the park, you can use dialogue to show what people said, description to explain what the park looked like, and pacing to make the story exciting.