

Parent Guide to the Standards

# Narrative Techniques in Writing

## Today's Standard

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

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing short stories using dialogue to reveal character relationships.; Creating scripts for plays or skits with attention to pacing.; Describing settings and actions in personal narratives to enhance reader engagement.; Developing characters in journal entries through detailed descriptions.

#### Today I Learned

Today we learned about using dialogue, pacing, and description to make stories more interesting. These tools help us show what characters are like and what is happening in the story.

## Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that just talking in the story is enough to show who the characters are. But we also need to show what they do and think. Another tricky part is understanding how fast or slow the story should go. This helps make the story exciting or calm.

#### Quiz Me

- What is dialogue?
- What does pacing mean?
- Why is description important?
- How can you show what a character is like?
- What does a good story need?

# Help Me

When we write stories, we use dialogue to show what people say. We use pacing to make the story go faster or slower. We use descriptions to help people see, hear, and feel what is happening. These tools make our stories more fun and interesting.