

English

Writing a Narrative Paragraph





To the Learner



Hello! How are you now? In your previous module you have learned how to write a descriptive paragraph.



Let's Learn This



This time we will learn how to make a narrative paragraph.

Before starting the lesson, let us first know the classifications of the general ideas of a story. It's either about courage, jealousy or hatred, loyalty, greed, rivalry, fear, honesty, misunderstanding or love.



Let's Try This



Direction: Read the sentences and classify the specific story ideas into courage, jealousy, hatred, loyalty, greed, rivalry, fear, honesty, misunderstanding or love. Write your answer on a piece of paper.

- _____ 1. A boy is tempted to cheat in an important examination.
- _____ 2. A mother saved her drowning baby in the river.
- _____ 3. A boy and a girl were fighting over a chicken.
- _____ 4. A girl who is plain and simple has a popular younger sister.
- _____ 5. A boy injured in a ballgame fears he may never walk again.

Are your answers the same as these?

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| 1. honesty | 2. courage | 3. greed |
| 4. jealousy | 5. fear | |

Good! You have classified the specific ideas of the story. This time we will learn how to write a narrative paragraph.



Let's Study This

Here is a paragraph. Read and understand it.

Do you know that I almost beat an old man?

One afternoon I was taking a nap. I heard a loud knocking. I got up and opened the door. It was just a naughty kid brother, Nieto. He put out his tongue, waved his hand and ran away. I went back to the living room and lay down. I was about to fall asleep when I heard another knocking. I thought it was Nieto again. I stood up angrily and got a broom. I quickly opened the door ready to beat my brother. But alas, it wasn't him. It was the old bill collector.

How is the opening of the story?

Is it interesting?

Is the development of the plot which should build up the main details of the story in logical order?

Does it create a feeling of expectation or suspense?

Yes. She expects her brother teasing her again.

Is the story brief? Yes.

What kind of paragraph is this?

It is a narrative paragraph.

How do we know that a paragraph is a narrative one?

A paragraph is narrative if it has the four stages of a plot: The opening situation, complication, crisis and climax.



Let's Do This

A. Read another story and answer the questions later.


It was a fine day when I woke up. I went to the garden and looked for some worms. I put them in a little can and I got my fishing pole. I went to the river and sat on a big stone. I place down my fishing pole and waited. I waited for a long time before I got something. I pulled up my fishing pole and there was my big catch. It was a big rotten shoe!

Questions:

1. Who went fishing? _____
2. Where did he look for worms? _____
3. What did he do with those worms? _____
4. Where did the story happen? _____
5. What did he catch? _____

Now check your answers against the "Answer Key" at the end of the module.

What's your score?

If you get 4 or 5 correct answers, you get a .
Do the activity in "Let's Test Ourselves".
If not, answer the next activity.

B. Write a narrative paragraph about your experiences during first day of school. Be sure to have an opening situation, complication, crisis, and climax.

(Let your teacher check your work.)



Let's Do More

A. Direction: Read the story and answer the questions later.

Misapplied First Aid

A woman was enthusiastically telling some friends about the value of first aid class she had recently completed.

“Just yesterday”, she said, “I was walking down Fabie Street when I heard this loud crash. I ran back and found a woman and a man in a car wrapped around a telephone pole. What I saw was a horrible sight. My knees went limp and I didn’t know what to do. But all at once I remembered something from my “first aid training”.

Questions:

1. What is the opening situation all about? _____
2. Who are the characters in the story? _____
3. What is the climax of the story? _____
4. Is the story interesting? Why? _____
5. What is the ending of the story? _____

Are you done?

Check your answers now. Go to the “Answer Key” at the end of this module.

B. Write a story about an accident that you had witnessed or that you had experienced. Follow the step in developing a narrative paragraph.

(Let your teacher check your work.)

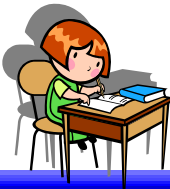


Let's Remember This

Let us recall what we have learned today. What is a narrative paragraph? How do we write a narrative paragraph?

A paragraph is narrative when it has an opening situation, a complication, crisis and a climax.

In developing a narrative paragraph, you have to plan the four stages of the plot, which is opening situation, complication crisis and climax.



Let's Test Ourselves

Here is the development of the plot of a story.
Read and answer the questions later.

Little Red Riding Hood

Red Riding Hood sets out to visit her grandmother. She meets the big bad wolf. At her destination she is faced with being eaten by the wolf, disguised as Grandma. The word cutter appears and cuts off the wolf's head.



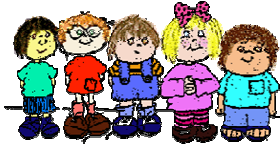
What is the story about?

What is the situation of the character in the story?

What kind of paragraph did you make?

Write your own horrible or frightful story using the step in developing a narrative paragraph.

(Let your check your work.)



Let's Enrich Ourselves

Make your own narrative paragraph about a frightful/
horrible incident.

Follow the steps in developing a narrative paragraph.

- a. Opening Situation
- b. Complication
- c. Crisis
- d. Climax

Observe proper capitalization and punctuation marks
used. Write it legibly and neatly (5 points)

What's your score?

Congratulations!

You made it!

You are now ready to work on the next module.



Answer Key

Let's Do This

A.

1. a boy
2. in the garden
3. He used them as baits.
4. in the river
5. big rotten shoe

B.

Let your teacher check your work.

Let's Do More

A.

1. A woman telling some friends about her experiences.
2. a woman and a man who met an accident
3. When she saw a car wrapped around a telephone pole with two persons inside it.
4. Yes. It tells about a horrible story.
5. The woman applied first aid to the victim

B.

Let your teacher check your work.

Let's Test Ourselves

Answers may differ. Let your teacher check your work.

Let's Enrich Ourselves

Paragraphs may vary. Let your teacher check your work.