Examples of Narrative Texts

- Stories that use predictable and patterned language
- Traditional and/or folk tales
- Fairy tales
- Stories set in familiar settings
- Retellings of stories heard and read

- Retelling simple stories in different ways (extending the narrative; using technology; rewriting narrative poems as prose, turning prose into a script or vice versa etc.)

- Modifying well-known stories (changing a character; amending the ending; changing the setting etc.)
- Stories set in historical contexts
- Myths and legends
- Stories with flashbacks
- Stories set in fantasy words
- Stories from different cultures
- Science fiction stories
- Adventure stories
- Mystery stories
- Scary stories
- Narratives retold from another perspective (e.g. form the point of view of a different character)
- Stories with morals or fables
- Stories with dilemmas
- Stories told as playscripts
- Telling a story from a first-person narrative (e.g. diaries and letters)

Skills and Features	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Text Features	Simple narratives and retellings are told/ written in first or third person.	Narratives and retellings are told/ written in first or third person.	Narratives and retellings are written in first or third person.	Narratives and retellings are written in the first or third person.	Narratives and retellings are written in first or third person.	Narratives and retellings are written in first or third person.
	Simple narratives are told/ written in past tense.	Narratives and retellings are told/ written in past tense.	Narratives and retellings are written in past tense, occasionally	Narratives and retellings are written in the past tense, occasionally	Narratives and retellings are written in past tense, occasionally	Narratives and retellings are written in past tense, occasionally
	Events are sequenced to create texts that make sense.	Events are sequenced to create texts that make sense.	these are told in the present tense. Events are	these are told in the present tense.	these are told in the present tense.	these are told in the present tense.
	The main participants are human or animal.	The main participants are human or animal. They are simply	sequenced to create chronological plots through the use of adverbials and prepositions.	Events are sequenced to create chronology through the use of adverbials and	Narratives are told sequentially and non- sequentially (e.g. flashbacks) through the use	Narratives are told sequentially and non- sequentially (e.g. flashbacks)
	Simple narratives use typical characters, settings and	developed as either good or bad characters.	Descriptions, including those of settings, are	prepositions. Descriptions, including those	adverbials and prepositions. Descriptions of	through the use adverbials and prepositions.
	events whether imagined or real.	Simple narratives use typical characters,	developed through the use of adverbials, e.g. in	of settings, are developed through the use	characters, setting, and atmosphere are	Descriptions of characters, setting, and
	'Story language' (e.g. once upon a time, later that day etc.) may	settings and events whether imagined or real.	the deep dark woods Narratives use	of adverbials, e.g. in the deep dark woods	developed through precise vocabulary choices e.g.	atmosphere are developed through precise vocabulary
	be used to		typical		adverbs,	choices e.g.

create a narrative.	Language choices help create realistic sounding narratives. e.g. adverbs, adjectives, precise nouns (turquoise instead of blue, jumper instead of top, policeman instead of man) etc.	characters, settings and events whether imagined or real. Dialogue begins to be used to convey characters' thoughts and to move the narrative forward. Language choices help create realistic sounding narratives. e.g. adverbs, adjectives, precise nouns (turquoise instead of blue, jumper instead of top, policeman instead of man), expressive verbs (e.g. shouted/muttered instead of said etc.)	Narratives use typical characters, settings and events whether imagined or real. Dialogue is used to convey characters' thoughts and to move the narrative forward. Language choices help create realistic sounding narratives. e.g. adverbs, adjectives, precise nouns, expressive verbs and figurative language etc.	adjectives, precise nouns, expressive verbs and figurative language. Dialogue is used to convey characters' thoughts and to move the narrative forward.	adverbs, adjectives, precise nouns, expressive verbs and figurative language. Dialogue is used to convey characters' thoughts and to move the narrative forward.
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Skill Grammatical Features	Year 1 Stories are often written in the third person and past tense e.g. Goldilocks ate the porridge; Goldilocks broke the chair; She fell asleep in Baby Bear's bed. Personal recounts and retellings often use the first person and past	Year 2 Stories are often written in the third person and past tense e.g. Goldilocks ate the porridge; Goldilocks broke the chair; She fell asleep in Baby Bear's bed. The past progressive form of verbs can be used, e.g. the Billy Goats	Paragraphs are useful for organising the narrative into logical sections, e.g. paragraphs about the setting or characters, or paragraphs used to denote the passage of time.	Year 4 The third person and past tense are used. This can include the past progressive (e.g. the Billy Goats Gruff were eating), Present perfect (e.g. What have you done?). Standard English forms of verb inflections are used instead of local	Year 5 The third person and past tense are used. This can include the past progressive (e.g. the Billy Goats Gruff were eating), Present perfect (e.g. What have you done?). Opportunities also exist for the use of the past perfect e.g. The children	Year 6 By writing for a specified audience and with a particular purpose in mind, the writer can choose between vocabulary typical of informal speech and that appropriate for formal speech e.g. the battalion traversed the
	tense, e.g. I had tea at my Granny's house on Saturday; We went to the park after school.	Gruff were eating, Rapunzel was hoping someone would come and rescue her	for denoting shifts in time and for structuring the narrative. The use of	spoken forms, e.g. 'we were' instead of 'we was', 'we did that' rather than 'we done that'.	had triedearlier in the day, the goblins had hidden and Past perfect progressive forms	mountain range; the soldiers walked over the mountains. The passive voice
	Sentences are demarcated using full-stops, capital letters and finger spaces. Use of conjunctions e.g.	Apostrophes can be used for possession, e.g. Granny's house, baby bear's bed. Apostrophes to show contraction can be used, e.g.	conjunctions e.g. when, before, after, while, so, becauseenables causation to be included in the narrative. Using prepositions	Fronted adverbials can be used e.g. During the night, in a distant field These should be punctuated using a comma.	e.g. the children had been searching they had been hoping to find the treasure since they started on the quest	can be used e.g. it was possible that, the map was given to the children by, more ingredients were added to the potion etc.
	and to join ideas and create variety in the sentence structure.	Goldilocks couldn't believe her eyes.	e.g. before, after, during, after, before, in, because of enables the	The use of adverbials e.g. therefore, however cerates cohesion	Adverbials can be used e.g. therefore, however, to create cohesion	Writers may use conditional forms such as the subjunctive form to hypothesise,

	Personal retellings	passage of time to	within and across	within and across	e.g. If the
Use of	often use the first	be shown in the	paragraphs.	paragraphs. These	children were to
exclamation	person and past	narrative and the		adverbials can	get out of this
marks to indicate	tense, e.g. I had	narrative to be	Cohesion can also	take the form of	situation, if only
emotions such as	tea at my	moved on.	be created, and	time (later), place	there were a way
surprise or shock	Granny's house on	Paragraphs are	repetition avoided	(nearby), and	to solve this
e.g. Help!	Saturday; We went	useful for	through the use of	numbers	problem, I
Oh no!	to the park after	organising the	nouns and	(secondly).	wished I were
	school.	narrative into	pronouns e.g.		somewhere
Question marks		logical sections,	Sammy and John	Modals can be	elseetc.
can be used to	Sentences are	e.g. paragraphs	they the boys	used to suggest	
form questions,	demarcated using	about the setting		degrees of	Past perfect
e.g. I said to Mum	full-stops, capital	or characters, or	Paragraphs are	possibility, e.g.	progressive forms
can I have a	letters and finger	paragraphs used	useful for	They should never	can be used to
biscuit? Who are	spaces.	to denote the	organising the	haveIf they were	indicate specific
you? Said the		passage of time.	narrative into	careful, the	points in time e.g.
wolf.	Use of		logical sections.	children might be	the children had
	conjunctions e.g.	Adverbs e.g. first,		able to	been
Use of the	and, so, because,	then, after that,	Verbs and adverbs		searching I had
personal pronoun	when, if, that, or,	finally are useful	should be chosen	Adverbs of	been dreaming
'I' to retell	but to join ideas	for denoting shifts	for effect e.g.	possibility can be	of riding a
personal	and enable	in time and for	shouted/muttered	used to suggest	unicorn all my
narratives, e.g. l	subordination of	structuring the	instead of said;	possibility, e.g.	life
went to the park	ideas.	narrative.	angrily/quietly etc.	They were	
yesterday.			to show rather than	probably going to	Create cohesion
	Use of exclamation		tell how characters	be stuck there all	
	marks to indicate	conjunctions e.g.	feel and behave.	night, they were	paragraphs using
	emotions such as	when, before, after, while, so,	The use of	definitely on the	a wider range of
	surprise or shock			adventure of a lifetime	cohesive devices
	e.g. Help! Oh no! and to	becauseenables causation to be	conjunctions e.g.		such as
	form exclamative	included in the	when, before, after, while, so,	Parenthesis can	organisational features,
	sentences, e.g.	narrative.	becauseenables		,
	How amazing was		causation to be	additional	pronouns, nouns and adverbials.
	that! What an	Using prepositions	included in the	information	Or by choosing
	incredible sight!	e.g. before, after,	narrative.	through the use of	to use repetition
		during, after,		brackets, dashes	or ellipses for
		before, in,		or commas e.g.	effect.
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e.g. walked instead of went, grabbed instead of got etc.		
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Planning and Preparation	Listen to stories and narrative texts that use the features required for the writing.	Listen to stories and narrative texts that use the features required for the writing.	Read stories and narrative texts that use the features required for the writing.	Read narrative texts that use the features required for the writing.	Read narrative texts that use the features required for the writing.	Read narrative texts that use the features required for the writing.
	Think about the intended audience and the purpose of the story (e.g. to scare, amuse, teach a moral)	Think about the intended audience and the purpose of the story (e.g. to scare, amuse, teach a moral) so that plans are	Think about the intended audience and the purpose of the story (e.g. to scare, amuse, teach a moral) so that plans are	Think about the intended audience and the purpose of the story (e.g. to scare, amuse, teach a moral) so that plans are shaped to satisfy	Think about the intended audience and the purpose of the story (e.g. to scare, amuse, teach a moral) so that plans are shaped to satisfy	Think about the intended audience and the purpose of the story (e.g. to scare, amuse, teach a moral) so that plans are shaped to satisfy
	so that plans are shaped to satisfy the audience and purpose.	shaped to satisfy the audience and purpose.	shaped to satisfy the audience and purpose.	the audience and purpose. Make plans that	the audience and purpose. Make plans that	the audience and purpose. Make plans that
	Make plans and props based on the story or narrative that has been shared.	Make plans and props based on the story or narrative that has been shared.	Make plans that include a limited number of characters and describe a few key details that	include key events, being sure that all the events lead towards the ending.	include key events, being sure that all the events lead towards the ending.	include key events, being sure that all the events lead towards the ending.
	Recognise and use 'story language' e.g. Once upon a time, later that day, happily ever after	Recognise and use 'story language' e.g. Once upon a time, later that day, happily ever after etc.	show something about their personalities. Compose and rehearse sentences or parts of stories orally to	Plan a limited number of characters and describe a few key details that show something about their personalities.	Plan a limited number of characters and describe a few key details that show something about their personalities.	Plan a limited number of characters and describe a few key details that show something about their
	Tell and retell stories orally using props and	Make use of ideas from reading, e.g. using repetition to create an effect.	Recognise and use narrative language e.g. On	Make use of ideas from reading, e.g. using adverbial phrases to	Make use of ideas from reading, e.g. using adverbial phrases to	Make use of ideas from reading, e.g.

plans for	Tell and retell	a cold Winter's	describe settings	describe settings	using short and
assistance (e.g.	stories orally using	day, Dear Diary,	and characters or	and characters or	long sentences
story maps,	props and plans	And after all	rhetorical	rhetorical	for different
puppets,	for assistance (e.g.	that etc.	questions to	questions to	effects.
pictures) and	story maps,		engage the	engage the	
through drama.	puppets, pictures)	Make use of ideas	reader.	reader.	Try to show
	and through	from reading, e.g.			rather than tell,
Think, say and	drama activities.	using repetition to	Recognise and	Recognise and	for example,
write sentences to	Think, say and	create an effect.	use narrative	use narrative	show how a
tell the story or	write sentences to		language e.g. On	language e.g. On	character feels
narrative in their	tell the story or	Try to show rather	a cold Winter's	a cold Winter's	by what they say
own words.	narrative in their	than tell, for	day, Dear Diary,	day, Dear Diary,	or do.
	own words.	example, show	And after all	And after all	
Reread the		how a character	that etc.	that etc.	Use all the senses
completed	Write narratives	feels by what they			when imagining
narrative aloud,	using their plans.	say or do.	Try to show rather	Try to show rather	and then
for example, to a			than tell, for	than tell, for	describing the
partner, small	Edit, proofread	Write narratives	example, show	example, show	setting, for
group or the	and amend their	using their plans.	how a character	how a character	example,
teacher.	writing based on		feels by what they	feels by what they	include the
	their own thoughts	Reread	say or do.	say or do.	weather, season,
	and those of their	completed			time of day.
	peers and	narratives aloud,	Write narratives	Write narratives	
	teachers.	e.g. to a partner,	using their plans.	using their plans.	Write narratives
		small group.			using their plans.
	Reread		Edit, proofread	Show how the	
	completed	Edit, proofread	and amend their	main character	Show how the
	narratives aloud,	and amend their	writing based on	has developed as	main character
	for example, to a	writing based on	their own thoughts	a result of the	has developed
	partner, small	their own	and those of their	narrative.	as a result of the
	group or the	thoughts and	peers and		narrative.
	teacher.	those of their	teachers.		
		peers and			Edit, proofread
		teachers.	Reread		and amend their
			completed		writing based on
			narratives aloud,		their own
			e.g. to a partner,		thoughts and
			small group.		those of their

		peers and teachers.
		Read their completed narratives to other children.