

Describing stories

Most stories, or narratives, can be broken down into different elements. It is useful to use a combination of the different elements in order to keep the story interesting and effective.



GETTING STARTED

The words below are some of the ingredients a successful story might use. Use your dictionary to match up each word with the correct definition by drawing a line. Complete the blank boxes with the missing meanings.

1.	plot	an important and dangerous or difficult situation
2.	theme	the story in a play, novel, or film
3.	twist	
4.	crisis	a tense and exciting ending to an episode of a story
5.	resolution	
6.	red herring	the most interesting or important point of a story, series of events, etc
7.	cliffhanger	
8.	event	
9.	climax	the subject about which a person speaks, writes, or thinks
10.	description	a strange or unexpected development in a story or series of events



MOVING ON

To write about stories in more detail, look up the following in your dictionary.

1. dialogue _____
2. epilogue _____
3. prologue _____
4. prelude _____
5. chronicle _____
6. parable _____
7. fable _____
8. allegory _____
9. dénouement _____
10. moral _____