

Writing

In this section, you will learn how to:

- write a good narrative text;
- write the characteristics of narrative text.

After learning the lesson in this section, you are expected to be able to:

- write a good narrative text correctly;
- write the characteristics of narrative text correctly.

Practice 1

Answer the following questions.

1. Have you ever written a story?
2. Have you ever tried to write a story in English?

Practice 2

Read the following story.

Mantu's Little Elephant



Source: 50 Bedtime Stories, 2002

orientation

Little Mantu lived in a village deep in the jungle where elephants helped the men with their work. These elephants were so big and strong. They could lift up the heaviest logs with their trunks and toss them high in the air.

complication

Now, Mantu had an elephant of his very own. His name was Opie. He was just a baby and Mantu loved him very much. Mantu whispered to Opie's ear that someday he would become the biggest, strongest and bravest elephant in the jungle. The other elephants heard this. They began to laugh and made rude noises with their trunks. "We're so big and tall, but you're so small. You're nothing at all," said one of the big elephants.

resolution

Mantu looked up at the huge elephant with a mischievous glint in his eye. "You're so tall and can see far away. We can see what is happening down here in the jungle. In fact, we would be the first to see any slithering snakes that may be a danger." After hearing the word snakes, the elephants screeched and off they went thundering in fright.

"Did I say there were snakes?" giggled Mantu. "No, I don't think so," smiled Opie. Mantu then climbed upon his little friend's back and went home to the village to tell everyone about the foolish elephants.

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Practice 3

Answer the following questions.

1. Where did Little Mantu live?
2. Who was his best friend?
3. What did Mantu whisper in Opie's ear?
4. What made the huge elephant run away?

New

Horizon

Narrative is to amuse, entertain and to deal with an actual or vicarious experience in different ways. Narrative deals with problematic events which lead to a crisis or turning point of some kind, which in turn finds a resolution.

Note

Orientation

It is about the opening paragraph where the characters of the story are introduced.

Example : *Little Mantu lived in a village deep in the jungle where elephants helped the men with their work.*

Complication

Where the problems in the story developed.

Example : *Now, Mantu had an elephant of his very own. His name was Opie.*

Resolution

Where the problems in the story is solved.

Example : *Mantu then climbed upon his little friend's back and went home to the village.*