

## Narrative writing structure

This is a simple chronological structure. More complex structures involve flashbacks, forward time jumps, dual narration, starting in the middle of dialogue or action, or a cliffhanger or ambiguous ending.

### 1 Setting

Describe the location, surroundings, atmosphere, time of day, season, weather.

### 2 Characters

Introduce up to three characters by describing their appearance and behaviour. Make their relationships with one another clear.

### 3 Problem

Create a situation requiring decision or action. Build up conflict, perhaps using dialogue and disagreement between characters.

### 4 Climax

Narrate an event or series of events leading to a crisis. Time pressure may be a factor in causing suspense and tension.

### 5 Resolution

Describe the outcome, which may involve an ironic twist or comment.