

Adventure

Definition:

A story in which the characters go somewhere exciting and dangerous.

Key Features:

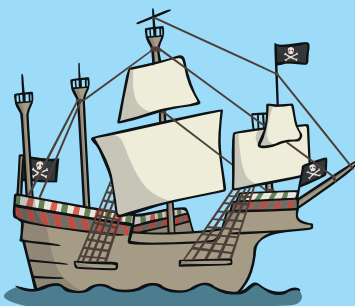
A chase or narrow escape. A battle might be fought. 'Goodies' against 'Baddies'. Usually makes us wonder if the characters will make it or not.

Key Words

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|------------|------------|
| Kidnap | Dangerous |
| Treasure | Unknown |
| Swordfight | Brave |
| Escape | Outsmarted |
| Journey | Suddenly |

Settings

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|----------------|
| Desert Island |
| Abandoned Ship |
| Cave |
| Underwater |
| Pirate Ship |



Detective/Mystery

Definition:

A story in which a crime is committed and the perpetrator is unknown.

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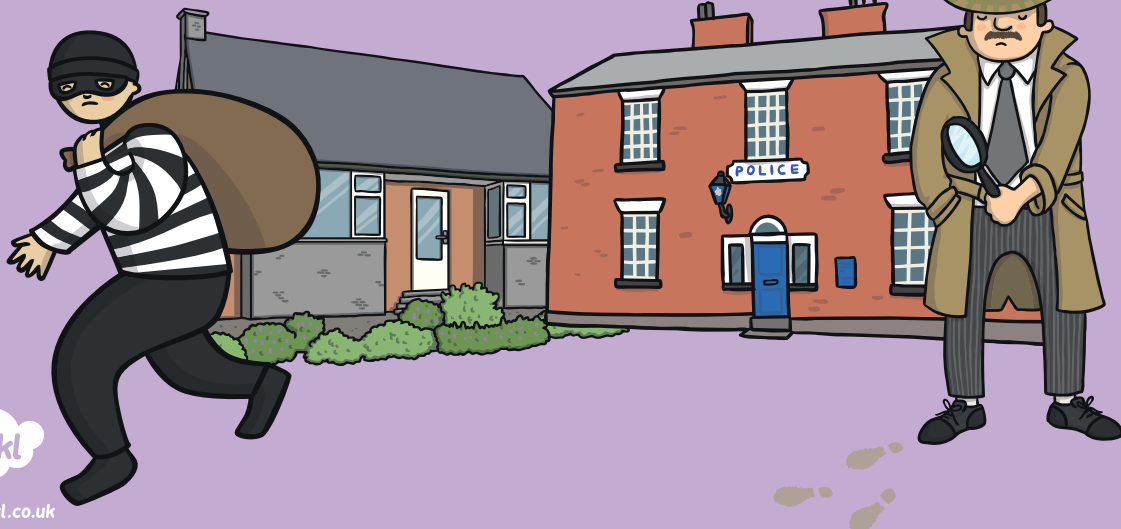
The main character tries to solve the crime. Clues are found to help with solving the mystery, though some clues are found to lead us away from the truth and surprise us at the end.

Key Words

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| Robbery | Detective |
| Kidnap | Spy |
| Clues | Victim |
| Suspect | Mystery |
| Suspicious | Millionaire |

Settings

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| Police Station |
| Mansion |
| Jewellery Shop |
| Quiet Village |



Fantasy

Definition:

A story about imagined places and people. Not based on reality in any way.

Key Features:

A whole other world with fantastical creatures and magic. Extraordinary and beautiful events.

Key Words

| | |
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| Magical | Mermaids |
| Enchanted | Kingdom |
| Unicorn | Castles |
| Wizard | Fairies |
| Dragons | Powers |

Settings

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|---------------|
| Clouds |
| Castle |
| Magic Cottage |
| Sea |
| Sky |



Horror

Definition:

A scary story written to frighten people!

Key Features:

Elements of surprise and shock. Detailed descriptions to create a scary atmosphere. All will seem well and then suddenly go wrong.

Key Words

| | |
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| Cackle | Horrifying |
| Haunting | Shock |
| Terrified | Screaming |
| Shivers | Dark |
| Creeping | Spooky |

Settings

| |
|---------------------|
| Old House or Castle |
| Unknown Village |
| Woods |
| Swamp |
| Deserted Place |



Myths and Legends

Definition:

A myth is a made-up story used to explain why things are the way they are in the world around us.

Key Features:

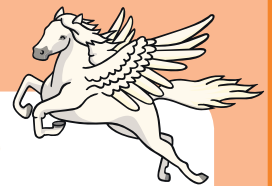
Gods and Goddesses fighting and living in an ancient world. A hero is usually the main character.

Key Words

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| Mortal | Hero |
| Immortal | Heroine |
| Heavens | Nymphs |
| Monster | Underworld |
| Creatures | Beginning of time |

Settings

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| Heavens |
| Earth |
| Underworld |
| Ancient Cities |
| Another World |



Science Fiction

Definition:

Stories that are based around scientific knowledge.

Key Features:

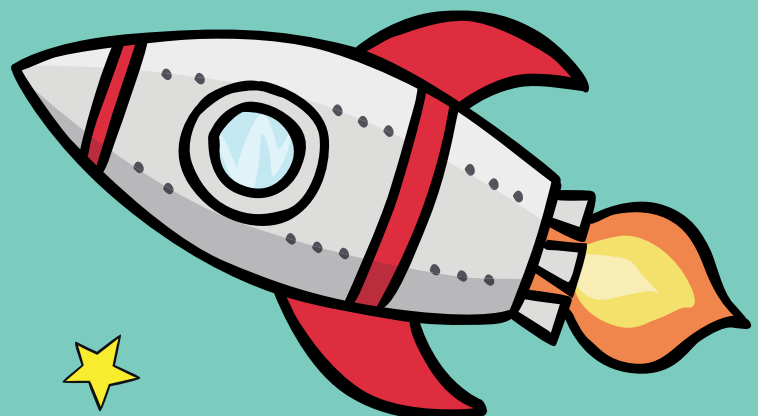
These stories are often set in the future and scientific discoveries are usually the inspiration for the advanced technology that is mentioned in them, e.g. time machine.

Key Words

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|------------|------------|
| Mutant | Pod |
| Galaxy | Meteorite |
| Laser | Hovercraft |
| Mission | Zoom |
| Black Hole | UFO |

Settings

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| Planet |
| Moon |
| Spaceship |
| Galaxy |



Traditional Fairy Tales

Definition:

A story about fairies and magic. Usually told through many generations.

Key Features:

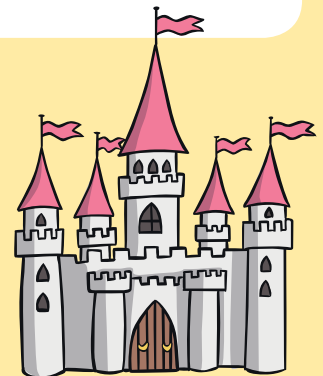
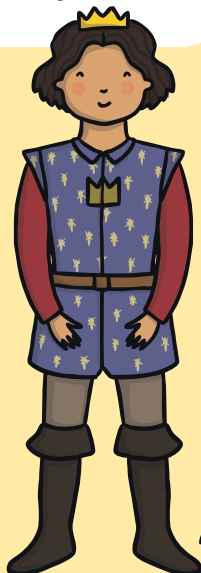
Begin with 'Once upon a time...'. Love and magic are common themes. Talking animals. Witches and wizards. Princes and princesses. The ending is usually '...happily ever after.'

Key Words

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| Enchanted | Spell |
| Three Wishes | Unknown |
| Castle | Brave |
| Evil | In Love |
| Wicked | Beautiful |

Settings

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|--------------------|
| Magical Kingdom |
| Land far, far away |
| Cottage |
| Forest |
| Wood |



Comedy

Definition:

A style of writing in which the main emphasis is on humour.

Key Features:

Writing that has humorous (funny) characters, events and dialogue (speech) throughout. It can include serious subject with events exaggerated or changed to make the reader laugh.

'An icy wind was blowing across the sea from Norway. Flynn wished Norway had kept it.' Teacher Torture by Celia J Anderson.

Key Words



Funny names or places associated with the subject.

Funny or (slightly) rude vocabulary associated with the subject.

Play on words.

Settings

School – with friends.

Home – with family.

Holiday – with someone you have just met.

Town/city – with shop assistant.

Anywhere – with anyone!



Modern Fiction

Definition:

A style of writing in which the main emphasis is on stories based on current or recent events.

Key Features:

Fiction (stories) that includes settings and characters that are recognisable as in the present or near past. The themes include events or issues (real or fictitious) that are happening now or have happened recently.

Key Words

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Friends | Caretaker |
| Teacher | Mobile |
| Dog | Text |
| Phone | Assembly |
| Email | Gang |
| Park | Manager |
| Customer | |
| Family | |

Settings

- School
- Home
- Park
- Club
- Village shop
- Supermarket
- Sports club



Classic Fiction

Definition:

An outstanding story with a unique style, which can stand the test of time.

Key Features:

Has an important moral lesson with characters developing and changing through new experiences.

Key Words

Wistful Vulgar
Sombre Subtle
Pensive Chortle
Vivid Blatant
Melancholy

Settings

Historical Period
Cities/Towns
Quiet Villages
Mansion
Countryside



War Stories

Definition:

A story set during wartime, usually the First or Second World War.

Key Features:

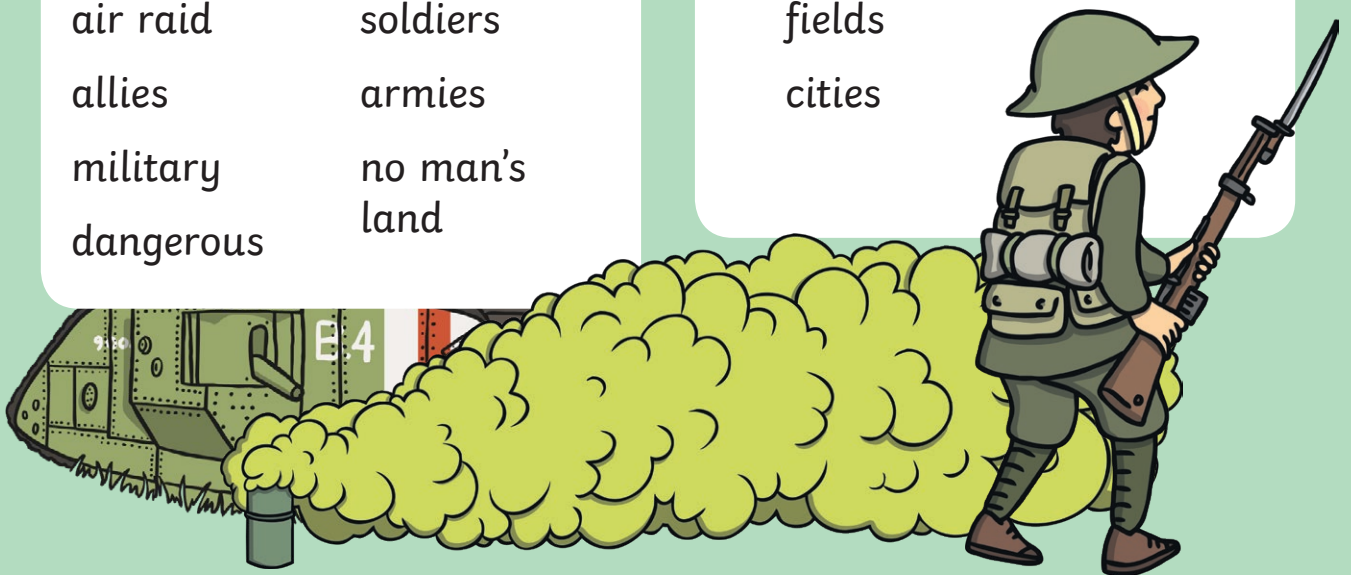
Soldiers fighting battles, families at home during wartime, evacuee children, refugees fleeing their country.

Key Words

| | |
|------------|---------------|
| refugee | battle |
| evacuation | freedom |
| air raid | soldiers |
| allies | armies |
| military | no man's land |
| dangerous | land |

Settings

trenches
military base
fields
cities



Animal Story

Definition:

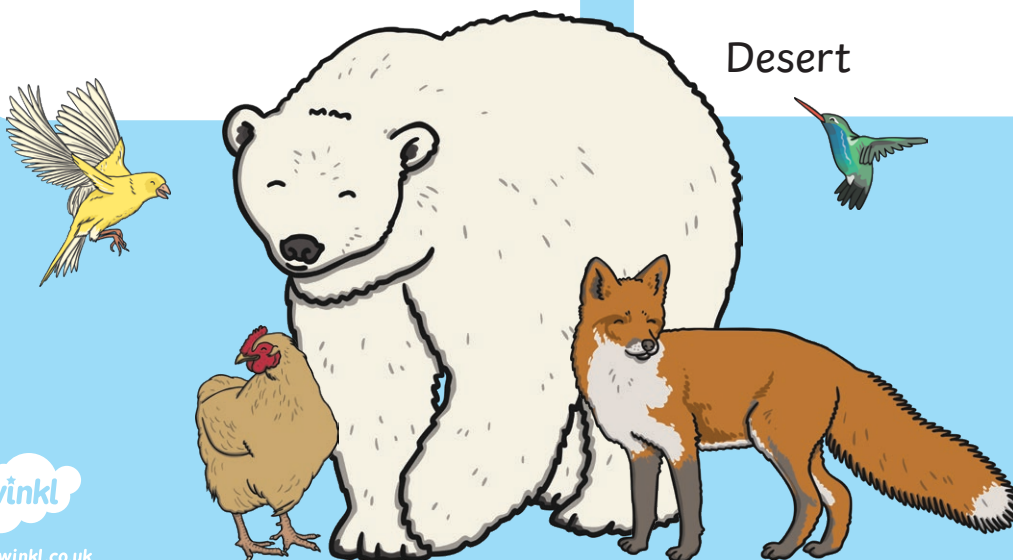
A story about animals that has animal characters. In these stories, animals can often talk and have special skills that they use to solve a problem.

Key Words

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|---------|-----------|
| habitat | beautiful |
| fluffy | colourful |
| stripy | tail |
| spotty | hooves |
| fierce | scales |
| cheeky | fur |
| cute | |

Settings

Zoo
Under the Sea
Farm
Jungle
African Savannah
Forest/Woodland
The Arctic/Antarctic
Desert



Historical Fiction

Definition:

Stories set during a specific period in history in the past, such as the ancient Romans, the ancient Egyptians or the Victorians.

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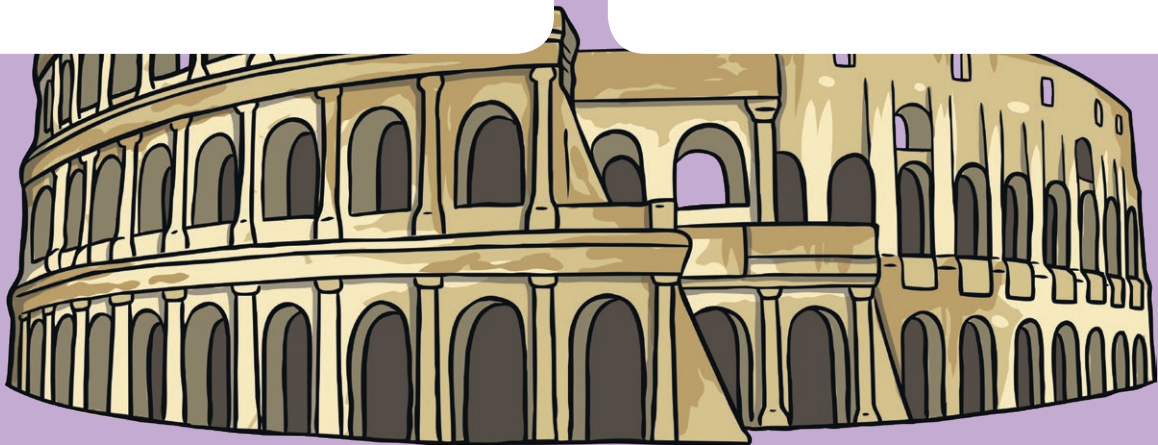
Stories based on famous events in history or well-known historical figures.

Key Words

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|--------------|------------|
| Long ago | Words |
| civilisation | associated |
| empire | with the |
| ancient | historical |
| feud | period. |

Settings

Any real historical period, such as ancient civilisations, Tudors, Vikings etc.



Young Reads

Definition:

A variety of fiction texts designed for children and young adults up to 16 years old.

Key Features:

Characters finding out about themselves or their past, relationships and seeking change in the world. Can be set in a range of settings: in the past, present or in the future.

Key Words

friendship teenagers
family emotions
quarrels relationships

Settings

school
college
home
on holiday

