



Personal Narrative Genre Vocabulary

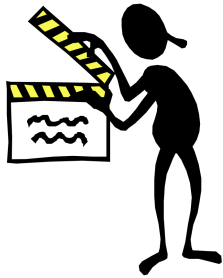


Term	Definition	Example/Explanation
Narrative	A story that is told or written.	Everyone could identify with her <u>narrative</u> about feeling scared on the first day of school.
First person	A style of writing wherein the writer writes as if he/she were speaking to the reader directly.	When I went to the park, I started to swing.
Point of View	The standpoint (perspective) from which the story is told.	I couldn't understand my mother's <u>point of view</u> .
Incident/Event	An occasion or activity of importance.	I still remember the time when I broke my leg at the park.
Setting/Scene	The place where the incident or event takes place.	It was a cold, cloudy morning at the park.
Significance	The quality of being important.	It meant a lot to me that my friend helped me when I was in trouble.
Describe	To tell or depict in written or spoken words	The golden puppy sat patiently waiting for his treat.
Emotion	A strong feeling.	Love, fear and anger are strong <u>emotions</u> .
Figurative Language	Language that uses words or expressions with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation.	Metaphors, similes and personification are three types of <u>figurative language</u> .

Sensory detail	Descriptions using the five senses: touch, taste, smell, sight, and hearing.	I smelled the freshly baked apple pie.
Metaphor	A figure of speech in which one thing is imaginatively compared to another thing.	She is a princess.
Simile	A figure of speech that uses <i>like</i> or <i>as</i> to compare two different objects, actions or attributes.	He is as tall as a tree.
Personification	A figure of speech in which human characteristics are attributed to animals, plants, inanimate objects or natural forces.	The tree branches stretched out and embraced the bird family.
Hyperbole	An exaggeration, often in a humorous way, that makes a particular point.	We waited in line for years!
Idiom	An expression that is known through common use.	‘A piece of cake’ is an idiom that means that something is easy.
Summary	A short, concise version of a longer text.	In this story, the author shows how people should try to understand one another better.
Reflection	Careful thinking about an event in the past.	I still think that it was a good idea to write the letter to my friend.
Onomatopoeia	When you name an action by the sound it makes (e.g., splat.)	Boom! The box fell off the truck.
Synonym	A word having the same, or almost the same, meaning as another	“Nice” is a <u>synonym</u> for the word “kind”.
Noun	A word that can be used to refer to a <u>person, place, thing, or idea</u> ; a naming word	<u>Dad</u> was using a <u>hammer</u> to build a <u>fence</u> around the <u>garden</u> .

Genre Icon Cards for Personal Narrative

Single Event



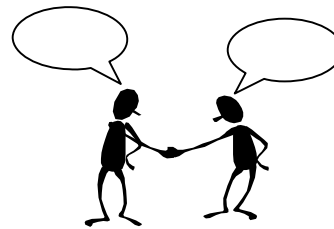
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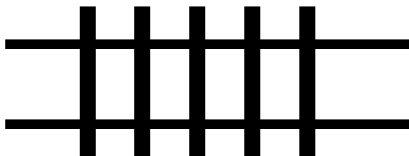
Sensory



Dialogue



Transitions



Setting

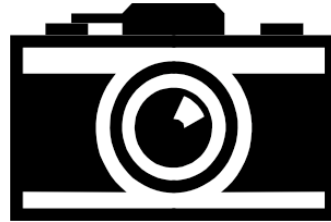


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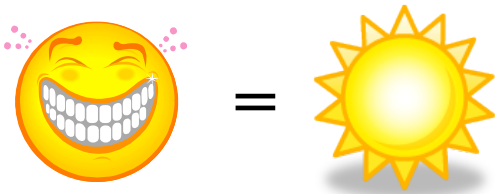
Emotions or Feelings



Descriptive Language



Figurative Language



Details



Closing



Imagery

