

# abbreviation

A shortened version of a word or group of words.

E.g.

**Dr.** is an abbreviation of **doctor**.

**NHS** is an abbreviation of **National Health Service**.

# acronym

An abbreviation made up of the first letters of a group of words, pronounced as one word.

E.g.

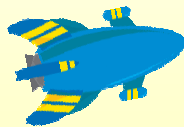
**NATO** is an acronym of  
**North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.**

# adjective

A word that describes something or somebody. It can come before or after a noun.

E.g.

Look at the **tall, elegant** giraffe.



The rocket is **blue**.

# adverb

A word or phrase that gives more information about a verb, an adjective, another adverb or a sentence. They often end in 'ly'.

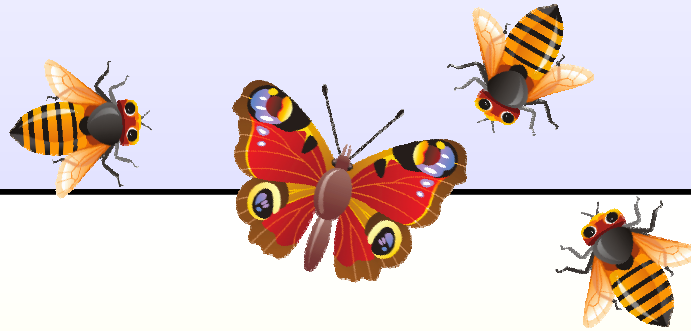
E.g.

The boy runs **quickly**.



# alliteration

A few words, one after the other,  
that begin with the same sound.



E.g.

**B**ees **b**uzzed **b**rilliantly **b**y the  
**b**eautiful **b**utterfly.

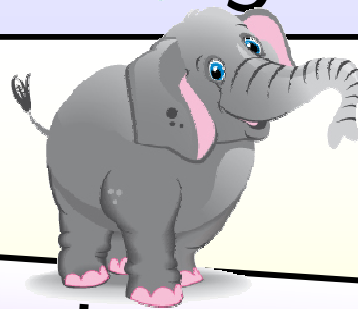
# antonym

A word that means the opposite of another word. Some words have more than one antonym.

E.g.



hot - cold



big - little/small



# apostrophe

A punctuation mark that is used to show ownership or to show where there is a missing letter in a word.

E.g.



This is Mike's bag.  
Let's go to the park.

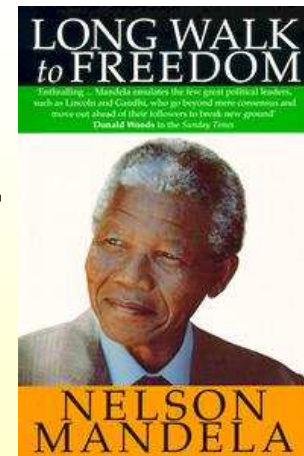


# autobiography

A person's life story, written by that person.

E.g.

Long Walk to Freedom  
by Nelson Mandela





# ballad

A poem, or song, that tells a story.

E.g.

Excerpt from The Walrus and the Carpenter by Lewis Carroll

The Walrus and the Carpenter  
Were walking close at hand;  
They wept like anything to see  
Such quantities of sand:  
“If this were only cleared away,”  
They said, “it *would* be grand!”

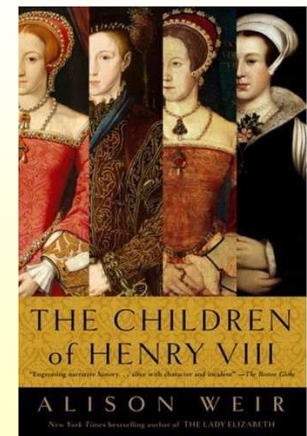


# biography

A person's life story, written by a different person.

E.g.

The Children of Henry VIII  
by Alison Weir



# chronological writing

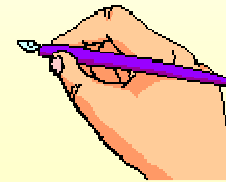
Writing that describes events in the order in which they took place.

E.g.



Historical accounts

Police reports



# comma

A punctuation mark that is used to separate items in a list or parts of a sentence.

E.g.

We need to buy eggs, sugar, milk and bread.



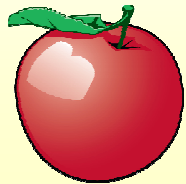
Jenny, who was five, loved playing with her skipping rope.

# connective

A word used to join simple sentences together to make compound sentences.

E.g.

I chose the red apple because it's



my favourite colour.

# consonant

The letters in the alphabet which are not vowels. 'Y' can act as a vowel or a consonant.

All the consonants are in blue

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

# dialogue

A written or spoken conversation between two people.

E.g.

“What do you think of this poster, Brian?”



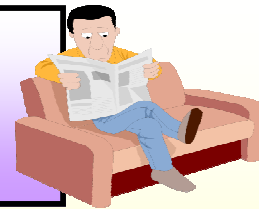
“It looks good!”

# discussion

A text type that presents arguments and information from different points of view.

E.g.

Newspaper articles



A write up of a debate



# exclamation mark

A punctuation mark, used at the end of a sentence, to show strong feelings of emotion.

E.g.

Oh no!



Stop!



Help!



# explanation

A text type that explains how, or why, something happens, or how it works.

E.g.

Car manual



Information books



# fiction

A text in which all things that occur have been invented by the writer.

E.g.

The 'Harry Potter' novels were all written by J. K. Rowling



# genre

Different types of writing, each with their own specific characteristics.

E.g.

science fiction

biography

myths

historical novel

# homophone

Words that sound the same but have different meanings.

E.g.

pair/pear

write/right

too/to/two

new/knew

poor/pour

night/knight

# hyphen

A punctuation mark that is used to join two words.

E.g.

My mother-in-law is coming to visit us on Friday.

# instruction

A text type that aims to help the reader complete a task

E.g.

recipes



how to play a board game

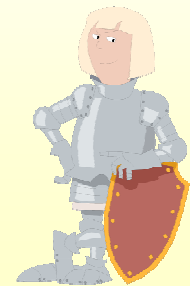


# legend

A traditional story about heroic characters.

E.g.

The legend of King Arthur and the knights of the round table.





# monologue

Text that is spoken by just one person (unlike dialogue, where two people are speaking).

E.g.

Excerpt from Hamlet by William Shakespeare

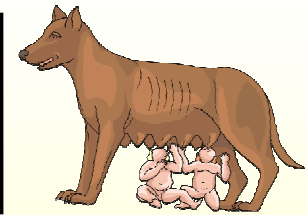
To be, or not to be: that is the question:  
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer  
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,  
Or take arms against a sea of troubles,  
And by opposing end them?

# myth

A story that is both ancient and traditional.

E.g.

Romulus and Remus



Daedalus and Icarus

# non-chronological report

A text type that describes the way things are without referring to a time sequence.

E.g.



guidebooks

brochures



# non-fiction

Different text types that are based on known facts.

E.g.

recount

discussion

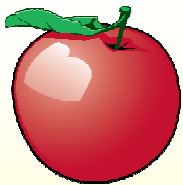
instructions

non-chronological report

# noun

Nouns are words that are used to name an animal, person, idea, place or thing.

E.g.



apple

camera



sheep

Eiffel Tower



# onomatopoeia

Words in which the sound echoes the meaning.

E.g.

*hiss*



*whoosh*



**BANG!**



# paragraph

A section of a piece of writing. A paragraph always starts on a new line and it marks a change of focus.

E.g.

A change in time or place.

A new character speaking.

# persuasion

A text type that aims to persuade the reader to see things from a particular point of view.

E.g.

A healthy eating brochure.

A political poster or flier.



# question mark

A punctuation mark that is used at the end of a sentence to show that it is a question.

E.g.

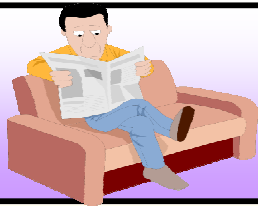
Where are you going?

Why did you do that?

# recount

A text type that retells events in the order that they took place.

E.g.



Newspaper reports

Biographies



# sentence

A group of words that starts with a capital letter, ends with a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark and contains a verb.

E.g.

The wild dog bit the boy many times.

# text types

These are different types of writing.

E.g.

recount

discussion

instructions

fiction

persuasion

non-fiction

non-chronological report

There are many others.

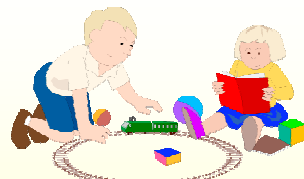
# verb

A word, or a group of words, that names an action, happening, process or state of being.

E.g.



skate



play

thought

# vowel

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