

# Sequence

Story events happen in order.  
Time order words like first, next,  
then and last may be used to  
tell the order in which events  
happen.

# Story Elements

The characters are the people and animals in the story. The setting is where the story takes place. The problem is the conflict in the story and solution is how the problem is solved.

# Main Idea

The main idea is the central message of the story or text. It can be found at the beginning, middle, or end of a story or paragraph. It is supported by details.

# Fact & Opinion

A fact is a statement you can prove true or false. An opinion is a judgment or how someone feels. It often contains the words "I believe," "I think" and "probably."

# CAUSE & EFFECT

When one event causes another to happen. The cause is **WHY** it happens, the effect is **WHAT** happens.

# Compare & Contrast

To compare is to find out how they are the same. To contrast is to find out how they are different.

# Character Traits

Characters (and real-life people) have unique attributes called traits. These traits describe the person's appearance or personality.