

Introduction to Narrative

As children learn language they begin to become more aware of the components of sentences and consequent story telling or narrative.

What is 'Narrative'?

- 'Narrative' refers to story-telling skills.

When do we tell stories?

We use story telling skills in lots of different ways:

- We use stories when reading a story from a story book
- When retelling stories
- When giving information about what you've been doing or reporting back on something you've seen or heard
- When explaining something and in general conversation

What is a story made up of?

- Characters/people (**who**)
- Place (**where**)
- Time (**when**)
- Occurrence (**what** happened?).

Why do we work on narrative skills?

- It is important for the development of social skills
- It is important for pre-literacy development
- Helps to develop attention and listening
- Supports in retaining information when being given instructions and explanations
- Enables telling of their own stories
- Helps with extending vocabulary and descriptive language learning.
- Develops imagination and creative thinking
- Helps with questioning skills.