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**Grade 7** 

Vocabulary Cards



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# VOCABULARY CARD: audience



A teacher reads to her students. Her **audience** is made up of the students.

The **audience** is the person who will be reading your text. As a writer, it is important to consider your **audience**.

An **audience** can be a friend, caregiver, or teacher.

### **Word and Definition**

### audience

noun

the reader(s) of a text

### **Other Words for Audience**

listeners

participants

readers

audiencia

# **VOCABULARY CARD:** character traits



Cinderella is the main character in a fairy tale. The fairy godmother is kind and helps Cinderella go to a dance. Kindness is a **character trait**.

**Character traits** are the qualities that make up a character's personality, or how they think, what they feel, and what they like.

Examples of Character Traits		
Thoughts or Feelings	Actions or Likes	
friendly	doing kind things	
quiet	reading alone, learning things	
outdoorsy	hiking, being in nature	
creative	painting, writing	

### **Word and Definition**

### character traits

noun

the qualities that make up a character's personality or what they are like

### **Other Words for Character Traits**

qualities

attributes

personality

characteristics

# **VOCABULARY CARD: conflict**



When characters have a **conflict**, they do not agree.

Word and Definition	Conflict	for
conflict		
noun	argument	argumento
a struggle between	disagreement	conflicto
characters or a problem	fight	
characters are trying to	struggle	
overcome; opposing actions	straggic	
between people or forces		

When a character wants something but something or someone else gets in the way, there is **conflict**.

**Conflicts**, or problems, are an important part of narrative stories. There are four types of **conflict**.

Types of Conflict		
<b>External</b> (outside the character)	<b>Internal</b> (inside the character)	
Character and Character—when two characters disagree	<b>Self</b> —when the character's beliefs conflict with what the character wants	
Character and Society—when a character disagrees with the rules of a society		
Character and Nature—when a character has problems with the natural world, such as weather		

# **VOCABULARY CARD:** connotation



The cat lounges on her throne. The connotation of throne suggests that the cat acts like a queen.

**Connotation** is a feeling or idea suggested by a word.

A word's **connotation** can be positive or negative.

For example, *easygoing* has a positive **connotation**, but *lazy* has a negative **connotation**.

### **Word and Definition**

### connotation

noun

feeling or idea suggested by a word

### Other Words for connotation

tone

meaning

implies

suggests

# VOCABULARY CARD: dialogue



Two friends talk to each other. In a story, characters who speak to each other have a **dialogue**.

**Dialogue** is a conversation between two or more characters in a story. When **dialogue** is written, quotation marks are used.

"I have an idea," he said.

"I would love to hear it," she said.

"I think we should do this," he said, sharing his idea.

### **Word and Definition**

### dialogue

noun

conversation between two or more characters in a text, usually enclosed by quotation marks

### **Other Words for Dialogue**

conversation dialógo

discussion conversación

speaking

# VOCABULARY CARD: event



The boy is going to a new school. It is an important day. In a story, when something important happens, it is called an **event**.

A story has a beginning, middle, and end. An **event** is something that happens in the story.

**Events** move the plot forward.

**Events** affect the characters in some way.

### **Word and Definition**

### event

noun

an important occurrence

### **Other Words for Event**

incident

occasion

development

occurrence

happening

evento

# VOCABULARY CARD: figurative language



It is raining cats and dogs! This is an example of **figurative language**. It is an idiom that means that it is raining very hard.

### **Word and Definition**

### figurative language

noun

language that goes beyond the literal meaning to get a message or point across

**Figurative language** is language that does not follow the literal meaning. The words paint a picture.

	Types of Figurative Language	
simile	comparing two unlike things using <i>like</i> or <i>as</i> The dog was as big as a bear.	
metaphor	comparing two unlike things by describing one thing as another  The sun was a burning fire in the sky.	
personification	giving human characteristics to a nonhuman thing The flowers stretched out in the morning sun, smiling in the light.	
idiom	a phrase that means something different than its literal meaning  She did not spill the beans about the surprise party.	
hyperbole	exaggerating to make a point The building was one million stories tall.	

# VOCABULARY CARD: foreshadowing



The author writes that the empty barn is surrounded by dry grass. Lightning flashes in the sky. This description is an example of **foreshadowing**. Later in the story, the house is struck by lightning and burns down.

# foreshadowing

**Word and Definition** 

noun

a literary device in which a writer gives a hint of what is to come later in the story

### **Other Words for Foreshadowing**

hint

clue

sign

prediction

Authors use **foreshadowing** to give a hint of what is to come later in the story.

**Foreshadowing** is like a clue for events to come in the story.

# VOCABULARY CARD: hyperbole



Her smile was a mile wide. This is an example of a hyperbole. It is exaggerated.

A **hyperbole** is an exaggerated statement that should not be taken literally.

Authors use **hyperbole** to make a point.

### **Word and Definition**

### hyperbole

noun

an exaggerated statement that should not be taken literally

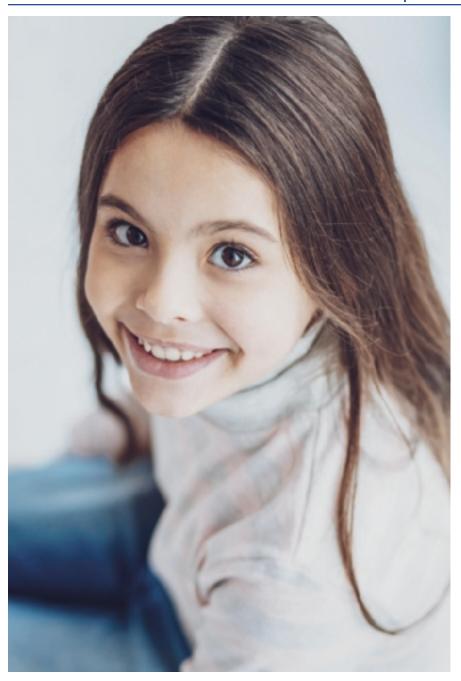
### Other Words for Hyperbole

exaggeration

overstatement

embellishment

# VOCABULARY CARD: metaphor



A **metaphor** states that one thing is another. For example, her eyes are sparkling diamonds.

### **Word and Definition**

### metaphor

noun

a figure of speech that makes a comparison by directly relating one thing to another

### **Other Words for Metaphor**

comparison comparación

analogy analogía

He is a busy bee. This is a **metaphor** that compares the boy to a busy worker bee. Both are very busy.

The lake was a mirror of glass on the calm day. This is a **metaphor** that compares the surface of the lake to a mirror. Both are shiny and still.

# VOCABULARY CARD: motivation



The team was motivated to win the game. **Motivation** is the reason why characters act the way they do in a story.

We can understand the character's **motivations**, or why a character does and says certain things.

The team wanted to win the championship game this year. Their **motivation** for practicing every night was to win the championship game.

### **Word and Definition**

### motivation

noun

the reasons why characters do and say things

### **Other Words for Motivation**

drive

reason

motivación

# VOCABULARY CARD: narrative



She reads a **narrative** to her children.

## **Word and Definition**

### narrative

noun

an event that is written or told

### **Other Words for Narrative**

account

history

story

tale

A **narrative** is a true or made-up story that is written or told.

A **narrative** has characters, a setting, and events.

A **narrative** has a beginning, middle, and end.

# **VOCABULARY CARD:** narrator



The **narrator** tells a story to an audience. In a text, a **narrator** is the person who is telling the story.

The **narrator** tells the readers or listeners what happens in the story.

A **narrator** is like a storyteller.

A **narrator** can be part of the story or outside of the story.

### **Word and Definition**

### narrator

noun

a person who tells a story

### **Other Words for Narrator**

author

autora

character

speaker

storyteller

writer

narrador

# VOCABULARY CARD: organization

# **Characters:**

# **Setting:**

# **Problem/Conflict:**

**Organization** is how parts of the text are put together. **Organization** helps an author be clear in their writing. Types of **organization**:

- a list
- a narrative
- problem and solution
- cause and effect
- comparison

Text **organization** is how the parts of a text are put together. Characters, setting, and the problem or conflict are part of that **organization**.

### **Word and Definition**

### organization

noun

how parts of a text are put together

### **Other Words for Organization**

structure

arrrangement

order

organizatión

# VOCABULARY CARD: personification



The tree moaned in the wind and held tightly to the last of its leaves. This is an example of **personification**.

### **Word and Definition**

### personification

noun

the application of human attributes to something that is not human

**Personification** is a type of figurative language.

**Personification** gives human attributes to something that is not human.

**Personification** is not meant to be taken literally.

Example	Meaning
The flowers danced in the breeze.	The flowers are moving in the breeze, as if they are dancing.
The moon watched over the sleeping town.	The moon shone on the town.
The old car coughed and protested before finally starting.	It was difficult to start the old car.

# VOCABULARY CARD: perspective



Your **perspective** is the way you see the world. In this image, we see the trees from the **perspective** of being on the ground and looking up.

**Perspective** is how a character thinks, feels, and responds to events. **Perspective** is the lens through which a character sees the world.

Different characters may have different **perspectives** on the same event in a story.

### **Word and Definition**

### perspective

noun

the lens through which a person sees the world

### **Other Words for Perspective**

viewpoint

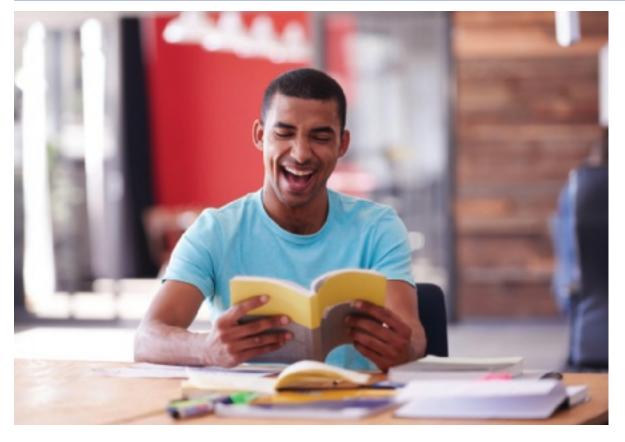
point of view

outlook

way of thinking

perspectiva

# VOCABULARY CARD: plot



The book's **plot** is funny.

The **plot** is made up of the events and actions of the characters in a story.

The **plot** of the story includes the beginning, middle, and end.

The **plot** usually has a problem or conflict the characters need to solve.

### **Word and Definition**

### plot

noun

a series of events and actions that relate to a story's conflict

### **Other Words for Plot**

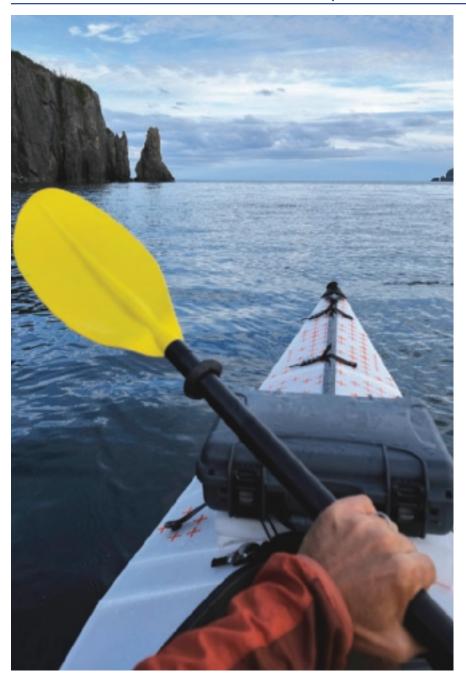
action

events

story

storyline

# VOCABULARY CARD: point of view



# **Point of view** is the perspective from which a story is told.

### **Word and Definition**

### point of view

noun

the perspective from which a narrative is told; what the narrator sees in relation to the events of the story

### Other Words for Point-of-View

viewpoint outlook perspective

**Point of view** is how the story is told. A narrative can be told using three different **points of view**.

<b>Point of View</b>	Example
first person	My arms ached as I neared the shore. I was tired from the long trip across the bay.
second person	Your arms ache as you near the shore. You are tired from the long trip across the bay.
third person	The kayaker's arms ached as she neared the shore. She was tired from the long trip across the bay.

# VOCABULARY CARD: resolution



In the story, the family's cat is missing. In the **resolution**, the family finds the cat and her new kittens!

At the end of the story, the conflict was solved. This is the **resolution**.

In the **resolution** of a mystery story, the detective solves the case. In the **resolution** of a sports story, the team wins the big game.

### **Word and Definition**

### resolution

noun

the part of a story when the conflict or problem is solved

### Other Words for Resolution

ending resolución

solution solución

# VOCABULARY CARD: setting



This **setting** is daytime at a soccer field.

The **setting** of a story is the time and place where the story happens.

Examples of **settings** include a time period such as the 1800s, homes, schools, cities, and even made-up worlds and outer space.

**Setting** can also be day, night, summer, or winter.

### **Word and Definition**

### setting

noun

the time and place in which a story occurs

### **Other Words for Setting**

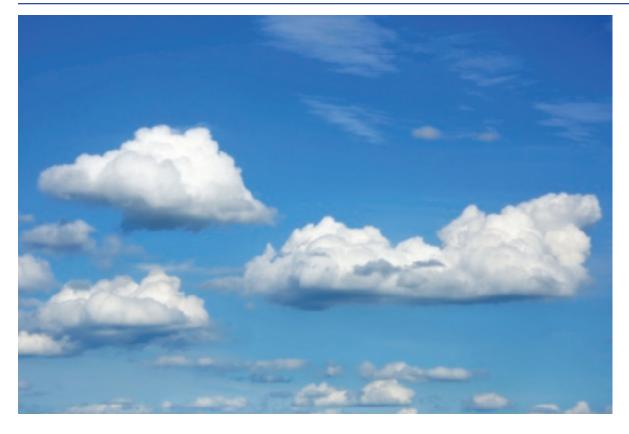
location

place

where

when

# VOCABULARY CARD: simile



The bed is as soft as a cloud. This is a simile comparing the bed's softness to the softness of a cloud.

**Similes** compare two different things using the words *like* or *as*.

My friend swims like a fish. This **simile** compares the friend's swimming to a fish's swimming. It means my friend is a good swimmer.

### **Word and Definition**

### simile

noun

a figure of speech comparing two unlike things, using the words *like* or *as* 

### **Other Words for Simile**

comparison

analogy

figure of speech

# VOCABULARY CARD: symbol



The American flag is a **symbol** that stands for the United States.

A **symbol** is an object that stands for an idea.

A heart is a **symbol** that stands for love.

A raven, or black bird, is often a **symbol** that stands for death.

### **Word and Definition**

### symbol

noun

an object that stands for an idea

### **Other Words for Symbol**

sign

icon

representation

símbolo

# VOCABULARY CARD: theme



The **theme** of the story is the moral or message the author wants readers to learn. For example, the **theme** of a story could be *it is okay to make mistakes*.

### **Example Sentences**

The **theme** is what the author wants the reader to learn from the story. A **theme** is the central message or moral.

Examples of themes:

- It is best to tell the truth.
- Be happy with what you have.
- Growing up can be hard.

### **Word and Definition**

### theme

noun

the main idea or subject of a piece of writing; a message that the author wants to convey to the reader

### Other Words for Theme

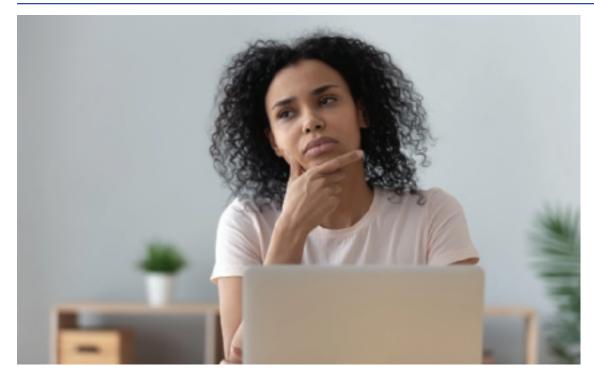
central message

lesson

moral

tema

# VOCABULARY CARD: tone



The author looks thoughtful while writing. Her **tone** is serious. In a text, **tone** is the author's attitude toward a subject.

### **Example Sentences**

**Tone** is the author's attitude toward a subject in the text.

**Tone** is created by the author's word choice.

### Examples of **tone**:

- lighthearted
- suspenseful
- serious

### **Word and Definition**

### tone

noun

the author's attitude toward a subject in the text

### **Other Words for Tone**

mood attitude tono

# **VOCABULARY CARD: voice**



Each singer has a unique, special singing **voice**. In a text, **voice** is how the author uses words. Each author has a unique **voice**.

### **Example Sentences**

**Voice** is the way the author's personality comes through on the page.

**Voice** is created with word choice, sentence structure, tone, and even punctuation.

### **Word and Definition**

### voice

noun

the way in which a thought, feeling, or happening is expressed

### **Other Words for Voice**

feeling

personality

VOZ