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Grade 7

Vocabulary Cards

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# VOCABULARY CARD: audience



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.

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

## 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**

noun

a struggle between characters or a problem characters are trying to overcome; opposing actions between people or forces

## Other Words for Conflict

argument      *argumento*  
disagreement      *conflicto*  
fight  
struggle

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

### **External**

(outside the character)

**Character and Character**—when two characters disagree

**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

### **Internal**

(inside the character)

**Self**—when the character's beliefs conflict with what the character wants



# 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**.

### Word and Definition

#### **event**

noun

an important occurrence

### Other Words for Event

incident

occasion

development

occurrence

happening

*evento*

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.



# 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

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

# VOCABULARY CARD: foreshadowing



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.

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.

## Word and Definition

### **foreshadowing**

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

# VOCABULARY CARD: hyperbole



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

## Word and Definition

### **hyperbole**

noun

an exaggerated statement that should not be taken literally

## Other Words for Hyperbole

exaggeration

overstatement

embellishment

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

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

# 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



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.

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

## 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 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.

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

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**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

arrangement

order

*organizati3n*



# 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



**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.

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.

## 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.

## 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

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.



# 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**.

Point of View	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



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.

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

## 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



**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.

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

## 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