

GRADE 5 LEARNING PACK

Narrative Craft: Viewpoint, Pacing & Dialogue

Control narrative viewpoint, pacing, dialogue and detail to shape a reader's experience.

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Original BrightPencil Kids resource - adult-led where appropriate

A4 edition • 12 purposeful pages • review copy

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

Control narrative viewpoint, pacing, dialogue and detail to shape a reader's experience.

Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask "How do you know?" more often than "Are you finished?".
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 Pacing changes when a writer expands important moments and compresses routine time.

2 Dialogue should reveal character, information or conflict rather than fill space.

3 A consistent viewpoint limits the reader to what that narrator can reasonably know.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Expand a ten-second turning point into a focused paragraph.

Compress a week of routine into one or two sentences.

Revise dialogue so each line has a purpose.

Spot a viewpoint slip where a narrator suddenly knows another character's private thought.

Replace generic description with two precise sensory details.

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

Retell one real, non-private event twice: once quickly and once with one important moment slowed down.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Write a 500-word maximum original scene with one viewpoint, purposeful dialogue and a deliberate pacing change.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

CHALLENGE

Think deeper

1. What can slower pacing signal?

2. Should dialogue reproduce every real-life filler word?

3. What is a viewpoint slip?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Narrative Craft: Viewpoint, Pacing & Dialogue”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

Importance, tension or close attention.

2. Suggested response

No.

3. Suggested response

A break in what the chosen narrator could reasonably know or perceive.

Review before publication

Check age fit, factual accuracy, clarity, accessibility, rights provenance and whether the activity works in practice. This file remains a review copy until those checks are signed off.

FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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