

Chapter 9

Narration

In narration, the writer tells a story about a series of events. That may sound easy, but storytelling isn't as easy as it sounds. First, the writer has to tell the story clearly enough for the reader to follow what happened when. Second, the writer has to tell the story dramatically enough to keep the reader's attention and interest. One way to keep a reader's attention is by describing the people and places in the story vividly.

Generally, narratives are told chronologically, and they answer the six basic journalistic questions: Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? Narration often uses the first person (I, we) because the writer is recounting personal experience.

* Suppose you were enacting in the story.

