Narrative Writing

Introductory Lessons:

- Movie Scripts
- Come Alive Boxes

Narrative Writing Lessons:

- Stage 4
- Stage 5
- Stage 6

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Introductory Lessons: Narrative

Narrative: Movie Scripts Introduced in Teacher Write/Interactive Writing and Released to Independent Homework/Seatwork:

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Narrative: Come Alive Boxes Introduced in Language Arts Block then Released to Independent Work:

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Movie Scripts: Actions
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Day One:
Show Movie Strip. Find Vocabulary Wall words that fit in the pictures.

Day Two:
Use Secret Formulas to write a sentence for each picture box.
Add Fancy Words. Go back and “X” the Pictures, then add Fancy Words to the Secret Formula Sentences.
Day Three:
Talk and Write the Movie Script.
Assign for Homework or Seatwork.

Day Four:
Code the Text to Revise and Edit.
Assign for Homework or Seatwork.

Day Five:
Transfer Setting phrases and Transitions to Anchor Charts.
Days One-Two:
Show Movie Strip. Find Vocabulary Wall words that fit in the pictures.

Use Secret Formulas and Dialogue frames to write sentences for each picture box.

Optional:
Develop more sophisticated dialogue.

Describe:
Character’s Physical Actions or Facial Features

Tell:
The emotions the character is feeling.

Use 5-Senses:
Describe what is happening around the character.

Knees knocking, heart pounding Sid stuttered, “G.G. Good evening ladies and gentlemen.”

Livid, upset, and perplexed Mike marched into the room demanding answers from the team.

The crowd roared and waved as Sandy thought, “I can’t believe we are going to the finals!”
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Come Alive Box Chant!

Come alive, come alive! Make the setting and the character come alive!

Mood makes the setting!

Mood = 5 Senses + figurative language + the character interacting with the setting.

A.P.E. makes the character!

A = Appearance  P = Personality Traits  E = Emotions

But actions, actions, actions make them come alive!

The character’s actions should reveal the A.P.E. and the Mood.

Follow Steps to Teach the Lesson:

1. Draw Picture. A.P.E.
2. Reveal Emotion. Say Think
3. Nouns
4. Adjectives
5. Verbs Most Beautiful Words!
6. Figurative Language
7. Begin: S-C Say Think
"Come Alive" Box

I wish the rain would stop!

Brrr! I'm turning into an ice cube!

cold

rain pelted

cold

body

hooves

Cradle

Shivered

droopy ears sagged

upset

like dirty old socks

Clamp fur smelled long tail wagged
“Come Alive” Box: Describe the Setting and Character

Sylvester

"I wish the rain would stop," Sylvester thought as he looked up at the dark clouds. His droopy ears sagged and his damp fur smelled like dirty socks after hours of the cold rain pelting on his back. "Brrr! I'm turning into an ice cube," he shouted. Quickly, he cradled his favorite pebble in his wide hooves and smiled when the sun peeked out from the clouds.
“Come Alive” Box: Anchor Charts

Figurative Language: The author uses figures of speech to make an image in the reader's mind.
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“Come Alive” Box Directions

1. Draw: Setting-Character A.P.E.

2. Reveal Emotion.

3. Label with Nouns.

4. Add Adjectives. Fancy Words!

5. Add Verbs.

6. Add Figurative Language.

7. Begin: S - C - OR

Say " " Think " "
Student Word Bank Books:
Many word banks have been developed (next pages) for students to utilize as a resource for higher-level vocabulary. Duplicate the different word banks pages and staple together for individual student word banks or to make a class word bank book.
Word Banks
### Appearance: Character’s Physical Features

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Personalities or Styles Word Bank

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unbelievable
fabulous
wonderful
fantastic
astonishing
astounding
extraordinary

INTERESTING
clever
engaging
fascinating
absorbing
engrossing
captivating
appealing
enthraling

SMART
astute
sparking
bright
clever
witty
sharp
intelligent
shrewd
brilliant
genius

PRETTY
attractive
exquisite
elegant
striking
dazzling
beautiful
pleasing
handsome
appealing
delicate
stunning
adorable
charming

CLEAN
spotless
immaculate
purified
tidy
fresh
sterile
immaculate
scrubbed

DIRTY
unclean
dusty
filthy
squalid
sordid
foul
impure
polluted
dingy
messy

OLD
aged
antique
time-worn
crumbling
tired
used
decaying
antiquated
elderly
ancient
weathered
dilapidated

DUMB
dull
inactive
obtuse
sluggish
unwitty
unintelligent
slow
stupid

UGLY
grotesque
repulsive
ghoulish
ghoulish
hideous
unsightly

WILD
uncontrollable
hyper
crazed
noisy
active
nervous
energetic
vigorous
dynamic
tireless

EMBARRASSING
ashamed
uncomfortable
guilty
squirming

SNEAKY
secretive
dishonest
stealth-like
quietly

MY OWN DESCRIBING WORDS:
Emotions or Feelings Word Bank

SAD
sorrowful
gloomy
cheerless
grave
melancholy
desolate
unhappy
anguished
mournful
dejected
distressed
dispairing
hopeless

MAD
angry
callous
fuming
wicked
aggravated
annoyed
harsh
impatient
disagreeable
provoked
enraged
indignant
snarling
irate

MEAN
nasty
vile
terrible
wretched
cruel
unkind
thoughtless
dastardly
rude

BAD
vicious
wicked
profane
awful
dreadful
abominable
atrocious
naughty
unpleasant

DIFFICULT
tough
burdensome
uphill
rough
arduous

MOODY
glum
mopish
sulky
sullen
testy
touchy
cranky
tired
exhausted
sleepy

SNOTTY
aloof
pretentious
smug
arrogant
self-centered
snobbish
haughty
conceited
pompous
vain

SILLY
ridiculous
simple
unwise
nonsensical
absurd
giddy
ludicrous
foolish
senseless
witless

FUNNY
amusing
ludicrous
comical
witty
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laughable
cheerful
humorous
whimsical
jocular

SCARED
frightened
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alarmed
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fearful
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fainthearted
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terrified
horrified
startled
afraid
apprehensive

STRANGE
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mystical
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unfamiliar
exotic
mysterious
unusual
alien
abnormal
eccentric
outlandish

HAPPY
glad
joyous
merry
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contented
exultant

GOOD
smooth
benevolent
excellent
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competent
useful
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superior
worthy
upright
propitious
conscientious
optimistic

BRAVE
courageous
fearless
dauntless
intrepid
daring
heroic
valorous
audacious
bold
gallant
valiant

CALM
quiet
peaceful
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tranquil
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mellow
cool
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**5-Senses Word Bank**

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5-Senses Word Bank

TEMPERATURE
- dry
- parched
- arid
- moistureless
- scorching
- dehydrated
- hot
- heated
- boiling
- fiery
- toasty
- sizzling
- searing
- flaming
- burning
- thermal
- scalding
- simmering
- parching
- incandescent

- frosty
- icy
- bitterly
- breezy
- chilly
- cold
- crisp
- freezing

FLEXIBILITY
- firm
- rigid
- solid
- steely
- stiff
- soft
- limp
- flexible
- relaxed
- feathery
- tender
- pliable

SOUND
- banging
- deafening
- buzzing
- booming
- clattering
- crashing
- loud
- hissing
- screeching
- high-pitched
- crunchy
- popping
- slurring
- snapping
- splashing
- spluttering
- rustling
- squawking
- roaring
- piercing
- exploding
- thunderous
- pattering
- stomping
- hissing
- gurgling
- clapping
- crackling
- swishing
- noisy
- whirring
- stringy
- rotten
- bittersweet
- ripe
- bland
- rancid
- earthy
- decayed
- old
- used
- stale
- moldy
- fresh
- fragrant
- scented
- clean
- tangy
- sweet
- antiseptic
- mild
- nutty
- spicy
- peppery
- tart
- salty
- savory
- smoky
- minty

FLAVOR
- peppery
- spicy
- burnt
- bitter
- buttery
- crispy
- juicy
- salty
- sour
- sweet
- tart
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SMELL
- spoiled
- rancid
- sickly
- gamy
- dank
- reeking
- strong
- odorous
- fishy
- choking
- stale
- gaseous
- musty
- mildewed
- fresh
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Setting Word Bank: City

VEHICLES
abundant
crowded
shiny
gleaming
sparkling
colorful
large
small
dirty
unclean
dusty
filthy
racing
growling
honking
screeching
swerving

STREETS
polluted
dingy
messy
hot
sweating
hard
gray
busy
noisy

SMELLS
choking
putrid
rotten
smoky
stifling
stale
ripe

SMELS
savoury
tangy
sweet
peppery
spicy
strong
fragrant

BUILDINGS
steely
behemoth
abundant
colossal
towering
gigantic
heavy
immense
ample
huge
mammoth
large
impressive
great
titanic
vast
massive
fat
plump
portly
stout

polished
shiny
glossy
gleaming
flashy
bright
glowing
blinding
brilliant
vibrant
aged
antique
time-worn

SOUNDS
honking
buzzing
blaring
clattering
crashing
loud
deafening
screeching

PEOPLE
loud
quiet
busy
aggravated
annoyed
harsh
impatient
snarling
savory
rotten

singing
dancing
preaching
yelling

WINDOWS
clean
spotless
immaculate
purified
tidy
fresh
sterile
immaculate
scrubbed

unclean
dusty
filthy
squalid
sordid
foul
impure
polluted
dingy
messy

MY OWN DESCRIBING WORDS:
## Setting Word Bank: Country

### TREES
- behemoth
- big
- colossal
- enormous
- towering
- narrow
- shady
- gigantic
- immense
- tall
- colorful
- fragrant
- nutty
- wispy
- pointy
- bushy
- thick
- stout
- wide

### SKY
- blue
- purple
- dark
- bright
- wide
- open
- vast
- large
- massive
- immense

### WEATHER
- breezy
- sunny
- lovely
- bright
- scorching
- boiling
- arid
- hot
- icy
- slick
- slushy
- breezy
- chilly
- cold
- cool
- crisp
- damp
- frosty
- quiet
- crashing
- deafening
- harsh
- growling
- thunderous

### WEATHER (continued)
- sunny
- lovely
- bright
- scorching
- boiling
- arid
- hot
- icy
- slick
- slushy
- breezy
- chilly
- cold
- cool
- crisp
- damp
- frosty
- snowy
- stormy
- cloudy
- rainy
- misty
- muggy
- humid

### WATER
- gleaming
- sparkling
- bright
- shiny
- flowing
- blue
- foaming
- bubbling
- bright
- sapphire
- hazy
- murky
- icy
- chilly
- fresh
- salty
- stale
- quiet
- moaning
- melodic
- cooing
- deafening
- pounding
- rushing

### LAND
- rocky
- rugged
- sandy
- smooth
- grassy
- majestic
- grand
- vast
- rolling
- snow-capped

### PLANTS
- vibrant
- thick
- emerald
- green
- swaying
- anchored
- fresh
- wet
- dry
- parched

### MY OWN DESCRIBING WORDS:
Figurative Language

The writer uses figures of speech to make an Idea, Emotion, or Image POP in the reader’s mind.

**IMAGERY**
Use sensory details to create a vivid picture or image.

Image = Adjective
Nonhuman Noun = Human Verb
Verb = Aroma = Image

**SIMILE**
Reveal a characteristic two unlike things (nouns) have in common using as, like, or than.

Unlike Thing #1
Nonhuman Noun
Verb
Characteristic: tall
Unlike Thing #2
Nonhuman Noun
Adjective

**PERSONIFICATION**
A nonhuman or inanimate object is given human actions or characteristics.

Nonhuman Noun
Human Verb
danced

Nonhuman Noun
strutted

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Figurative Language

**SYMBOLISM**
The use of symbols to represent an idea, belief, emotion, or action.

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**HYPERBOLE**
Obvious exaggeration used for effect or emphasis.

- **Noun**: The dog
- **5-Sense to Describe.**: smelled so putrid
- **Exaggerate**: the wallpaper peeled.

**IDIOM**
An expression that does not make sense if taken literally.

- **You hit the nail on the head!**

**METAPHOR**
Emphasize how an Idea, Emotion, or Image are the same using *is, are, or of* in the comparison.

- **He is a walking dictionary.**
- **She is in a sea of troubles.**

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### Verbs: Actions Word Bank

#### RUN
- bolted
- raced
- darted
- hastened
- spurted
- charged
- scuttled
- rushed
- whizzed
- galloped
- dashed
- scurried
- hustled
- stampeded
- trotted
- bounded
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- skidded
- rushed
- chased
- plunged
- swerved
- hurried
- sprinted
- bolted
- flew
- zipped
- whisked
- sailed
- propelled
- plummeted
- sprung
- swooped
- ripped
- rammed

#### WALK
- strutted
- strolled
- hiked
- pranced
- tredad
- march
- promenaded
- trekked
- journeyed
- paraded
- tramped
- toddled
- rambled
- wandered
- trudged
- meandered
- toured
- snuck
- crawled
- edged
- swayed
- slunk
- waddled
- staggered
- lumbered
- crept
- dragged
- flustered
- drooped
- loitered
- drooped
- lofted
- plodded
- drifted
- slouched
- strayed
- tiptoed

#### LOOK
- surveyed
- spotted
- spied
- gazed
- glanced
- examined
- noticed
- squinted
- observed
- stared
- viewed
- peeked
- gawked
- detected
- glimpsed
- concentrated
- pondered

#### YELL
- screamed
- shouted
- shrieked
- squaled
- screeched
- barked
- ranted
- bellowed
- hooted
- yelped
- roared
- raved
- exclaimed
- boasted
- ordered

#### SAID
- demanded
- fumed
- grumbled
- dared
- muttered
- mumbled
- stammered
- stuttered
- denied
- disrupted
- grunted
- notified
- sneered
- taunted
- teased
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- claimed
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- haggled
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- bickered
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- scolded
- sobbed
- wept
- admitted
- rambled
- confessed
- debated
- gossiped
- lied
- revealed
- moaned
- snickered
- accused
- babbled

#### Move
- squeezed
- tickled
- exercised
- twirled
- twisted
- lifted
- bounced
- flipped
- rolled
- scratched
- blistered
- disobeyed
- bullied
- snatched
- whacked
- walloped
- swatted
- smashed
- heaved
- heaved
- missed

### MY OWN DESCRIBING WORDS:
- admitted
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My Favorite Words