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Class objectives

Gain an in-depth understanding of what storytelling is

Learn how to create one own story

Know elements of storytelling

Be able to tell a story in English

Class Outline

What is storytelling?

Benefits of storytelling

Elements of storytelling

English storytelling phrases

Crediting sources

What is storytelling?

- is the act of telling or writing stories, or narratives.
- is told for specific purposes: entertainment, informational, educational, promote products in sale, attract audiences,?......?......
- can be found anywhere where there is a human being because.....?.....
- might be in the form of verbal, printed, handwritten text, recording

Benefits of storytelling

- create magic and a sense of wonder
- teach us about life, ourselves, and others
- develop an understanding, respect and appreciate other cultures
- promote positive feedback

(by Paula Stoyle, British Council, Jordan)

- boost curiosity
- expand horizons
- challenges of life
- increase memory
- develop passion for books
- have greater impact in our minds
- vocabulary
- understand society
- imagination
- have fun
- confidence

Elements of storytelling

People likes to listen to a good story. To tell a story well, story teller needs to dedicate their times and understand the different elements and techniques. Every good stories have these six common elements

1. Setting – time and location that the story takes place

Example: July 10th, 2022 – Satengnok, Yala town – 08.00 am

Example: A very small house on a happy night before Eid.

2. Characters – role

Protagonist: hero

Antagonist: devil

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3. Plot – time sequence of events

Example: A group of kids are wearing wonderful outfits walking down the street after Khoteeb finished giving a preaching.

4. Conflict – drives the story for more interesting

Example: Suddenly, they saw many young kids standing in lines for money donation. They ran to the lines too fast till they hit the other group who were waiting.

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5. Theme – What story is really about

6. Narrative Arc – plot that brings story interesting

(By Chris Roe)

How to tell a story in English



Steps to tell a story in English

Start with <u>'when'</u>

yesterday / A couple days ago / last week / last weekend / a few weeks ago / last month / a couple months ago / in

- Follow with <u>'who'</u>
 people you share experience with
- And <u>'where'</u>

 Then say few things about the story you want to share Use the past tense, past continuous or past perfect in telling a story.

 Add some more details of action that you / someone did in a story

• Use the sequence words not to bore audiences: next, after that, then, in the end and so forth.

Steps to tell a story in English

Example: My recent raya day

 On the last Eid Adha raya day, I and my family members celebrated the Eid at my hometown in Ruso. We enjoyed eating traditional foods: tupat, laksa, roti and many more. On the same day, we had a chance to see people slaughtering cows and got their beef to dedicate to those in need, poor people, and some group of religious work. We ate the foods almost all the times until the day **ended**. At night, my brothers and sisters gathered at my parents' house, took group photo, and forgave one another. We were so much happy spending time with them.

Example:Your turn.....

- Example of storytelling that speaker use in their talk
 - Click here
- Speaker 1: How to learn any language in six months
 - 'Now, when I was young, the school was sort of okay but I found quite ofthen the school got in the way of leaning'. So I had this question in mind.
 - This began when I was very very young, when I was 11 years old. I......a letter to a researcher in a Sovite Uninion.
- Speaker 2: 5 techniques to speak any language
 - 'See, I was raised as a polyglot. And by the time I turned 18, I could speak already 4 different languages. And then, for the subsequent 3 years. I l three additional languages.

- Speaker 3: How to talk like a native speaker
 - I was fifteen years old. My best friends and I, we were part of a group of westerners visiting the Soviet Union.

- Speaker 4: Speaking up without freaking out
 - On the very first day of high school, my English teacher Mr. Maradof, had each of us stand up and introduce ourselves.

- Speaker 5: How to learn languages effectively
 - Last summer, when I was alone in Italian in Estonia, I had to face a challenge. This
 challenge was this simple phrase and many others liked it.
 - 'So, I was in the same situation as you are right now back in last summer because I never Estonia. Never read Estonian books, never watch a Estonian movies.