

How to write... a folktale

Purpose

To create a narrative involving traditional settings and heroic and magical characters

Similar text types

traditional tales, fairy stories, myths, legends

Structure

Opening

introduces characters and any backstory

Build-up

develops the characters and settings; begins a journey

Problem

main characters faced with a challenge to overcome

Climax

the turning point, the moment of greatest tension or drama

Resolution

how the story reaches a satisfying ending

Language, Grammar and Punctuation

Descriptive language

including expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and figurative language

Direct speech

punctuated with inverted commas

Conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions

to express time, place and cause

Commas for lists

especially of adjectives in descriptions

Paragraphs

to show changes in time, scene and theme