

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2



Text Structure - Fictional narrative

HAUNTED HOUSE?

Language Features

Orientation

One day a girl named Samira walked home from school. She met her friends Yen, Lin and Sahar.

Use of action verbs, e.g. met, went, stayed, watched

Complication

They told her the old house on the corner of the street was haunted. She said "No, it's not. There are no ghosts!" Her friends said, "If there are no ghosts then go inside and prove it." "Okay then, I'll show you. I'm not scared!" she answered. Samira's friends stayed outside in the garden and watched.

Use of saying verbs, e.g. said, answered

Use of direct speech, e.g. "Are you alright?"

Use of word families to build information, e.g. ghosts, haunted, scared

Samira went up to the front door. She knocked – quietly at first, then louder. The door opened suddenly. Samira fell through the open door and screamed loudly. She looked up and saw a white haired old lady. Samira was very scared. The woman came closer. "Are you alright?" she asked.

Use of time sequencers, e.g. then louder

Use of adverbs, e.g. suddenly, quietly

Use of adjectives, e.g. old, haunted, scared

Resolution

Samira smiled and said "You're not a ghost are you?" Samira turned to show her friends but when they looked back at the house, no one was there.

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. from school, up to the door