English Language Intensive Programme

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 1

Text Structure - Narrative (fable)

Orientation - includes main characters

Events

Complication

Resolution

Coda - Moral/Lesson

A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

A wolf had a plan to steal a sheep for his dinner.

He put on a sheepskin and went into the yard with all the sheep. The sheep didn't know the wolf was there. He planned to wait until night time, then run away in the dark with a sheep.

That night in the farmhouse, the farmer's wife said she wanted to have roast lamb for dinner.

The farmer went into the yard. It was dark and the farmer thought the wolf was a fat sheep.

He grabbed him, killed him and took him to the kitchen to cook for dinner.

Never pretend to be what you are not.

Language Features

Use of past tense verbs, e.g. had, went, wanted

Use of nouns to name people, places, things, e.g. wolf, sheep, farmer, farmhouse

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. for his dinner, into the yard, to the kitchen

Use of action verbs, e.g. steal, went, grabbed, took

Use of adverbs, e.g. there, that night

Use of adjectives, e.g. roast, dark, fat

Use of saying verbs, e.g. said

Use of thinking verbs, e.g. thought, didn't know, planned

Use of simple conjunctions, e.g. and