

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2

Text Structure - Narrative (factual)

Orientation - includes main characters and place and time

Events

Complication

Resolution

THE SURPRISE PARTY

Jose and Anna met at school. They were friends and went everywhere together. Anna was from Bosnia and Jose was from Chile.

It was Friday on the last day of term. Everyone was going to the end of term disco. Jose told Anna he would meet her outside the hall before the disco.

Jose went to meet Anna outside the hall. She wasn't there. He was worried. He went inside and found her talking to his friends. He was angry and shouted at her, "Why weren't you outside?" He walked away before she could answer.

His friend Mikos ran after him.

"Wait, wait Jose! It's not what you think. Anna was asking us to go to your surprise birthday party." Jose smiled. He walked back and gave Anna a hug. "Sorry Anna," he said.

Language Features

Use of past tense verbs, e.g. met, were, went

Use of nouns to name people, places, things, e.g. Jose, Bosnia, hall, party

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. at school, from Chile, on the last day

Use of action verbs, e.g. went, walked, was going

Use of adverbs, e.g. everywhere, there, away

Use of adjectives, e.g. last, worried, angry, surprise

Use of saying verbs, e.g. asking, shouted, answer

Use of direct speech, e.g. "Why weren't you outside?"