

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2



Text Structure - Literary Description

Introduction to the subject

Description

PHILEAS FOGG

from 'Around the World in Eighty Days', by Jules Verne

This character's name is Phileas Fogg.

He is a tall, slim, handsome, clean-shaven Englishman who likes everything to be exact.

He wears dark suits and a top hat and walks quickly to his club at the same time every day.

He even takes the same number of steps to get there.

Language Features

Use of nouns that refer to a particular thing, i.e. not general

Use of pronouns to 'track' the subject, e.g. he, who

Use of describing adjectives, e.g. slim, handsome, dark

Use of detailed noun groups, e.g. tall, slim, handsome, clean-shaven Englishman

Use of relating verbs, e.g. is

Use of action verbs, e.g. walks

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. at the same time every day