

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### JSS 1

### WEEK 9

#### WRITING: NARRATIVE COMPOSITION; FEATURES AND TYPES

1. **DEFINITION:** Narrative composition is a form of writing that tells a story. People tell stories when they gossip, tell jokes, or reminisce about the past. Written forms of narrative composition include most forms of writing: personal essays, fairy tales, short stories, novels, plays, screenplays, autobiographies, histories, even news stories have a narrative. Narrative composition may be a sequence of events in chronological order or an imagined tale with flashbacks or multiple timelines.
2. **FEATURES OF NARRATIVE COMPOSITION:** The following are the features of narrative composition.
  - A. **The plot** is basically a sequence of events where every event affects the next one and it ties things together.
  - B. **The setting** is the location of the events in time and place. It allows the reader to get a view of the backdrop of the story and also helps to set the mood.
  - C. **The characters** are the people in the story who drive the plot. Any good narrative will provide detailed descriptions of the characters through their physical descriptions, actions, thoughts, and speech. The reader should be able to identify the protagonist and the antagonist.
  - D. **Conflict** is basically a struggle between opposing forces. Conflict can be internal or external. Internal conflict is when the character struggles with their own beliefs or desires. They basically struggle with themselves. External conflict is when a character struggles with someone or something beyond his or her control.
  - E. **The theme** is the moral of the story or what the writer intends the reader to understand.
3. **TYPES OF NARRATIVE COMPOSITION:** There are several types of narrative compositions but we are considering the main types which are:
  - A. **Descriptive narrative:** It is a story in which detailed settings and insight into the mood and tone of the setting are provided.
  - B. **Viewpoint narrative:** it is a story that is told from the viewpoint of the narrator.
  - C. **Historical narrative:** It is a story that details a historical event from start to finish.
  - D. **Linear narrative:** It is a story in which events are told in the order in which they happened.
  - E. **Non-linear narrative:** It is a story in which things are told out of chronological or logical order.

#### HOME WORK

Write a narrative composition on the topic, **MY LAST JOURNEY TO THE VILLAGE**. Your composition shouldn't be less than 200 words.