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Literature Genres

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| **Autobiography**A story of someone’s life written by himself or herself | **Biography**The story of someone’s life written by someone else | **Fable**A very short tale that teaches a lesson or moral; animal characters |
| **Fairy Tale**A story passed orally, that usually has magic and creatures | **Legend**Gives colorful explanations for events | **Myth**A story handed down from earlier times; some tell about gods and goddesses |
| **Nonfiction**Gives information about real people, places, and events | **Fiction**Imaginative literature created by an author | **Folktale**Short story that gives colorful explanations for natural events |



**Root word:** part of a word that contains
 meaning (also called “base word”)

**Prefix:** a group of letters added to the front of
 the word to change the word’s meaning

**Suffix:** a group of letters added to the end of
 the word to change the word’s meaning

POETRY TERMS:

**Stanzas:**
[a](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=a) [section](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=section) [of](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=of) [a](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=a) [poem](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=poem) [consisting](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=consisting)
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[through](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=through)out the  [poem](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=poem)

**Rhyme:**
words ending with the same sound

*blame – same –frame
neigh – hay – play*

**Line or Verse:**
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[sentences](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=sentences) [that](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=that) [form](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=form) [one](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=one) [section](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/search/american/direct/?q=section) in a poem

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Author’s Purpose

***Why an author writes a text***

**Persuade:** to convince the reader to do something or believe in something

**Inform:** to give information (textbooks, articles, directions, instructions)

**Entertain:** a fun story for personal enjoyment

Strategies for
Comprehension Skills:

**Using the Three Little Pigs**

**Compare and Contrast** – how different settings, characters, and events are alike and how they are different
 The three little pigs are alike in that they are all building
 their own home. The three little pigs are different because they choose different building materials and some prefer to play than to work.

**Context** – the words, sentences, or pictures that surround an unfamiliar word

**Drawing a Conclusion** – to reach a decision based on evidence in the text
 Because the third pig took his time and patiently built a
 home out of bricks, I think the house will withstand the huffs and puffs of the big, bad wolf.

**Evidence** – factual details from the text

**Inference** – a guess based on evidence
 I think that the wolf may try to destroy all the pig’s homes
 after he is successful at destroying the house of straw.

**Sequence of Events** – the order in which things happen in
the story
1) The first little pig builds a house out of straw.
 2) Then the second little pig builds a house out of sticks.
 3) Finally the third little pig builds a house out of bricks.

**Summary (Summarize)** – gives only the most important
details in a story
A wolf looking for food finds three pigs, each one having their own home made of straw, sticks and bricks. The wolf threatens to blow their houses down and is successful at destroying the house of straw and sticks. The wolf is not able to blow the third, brick house down and the pigs live to see another day.

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Word-Skills

**Antonyms:** words with opposite meaning

**Homophone:** one of 2 or more words pronounced alike, but spelled differently and having different meanings

**Syllable:** a sound made by one or more letters in word; must contain a vowel sound

**Synonyms:** words with the same meaning

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CONTEXT clues

**Context Clues are hints that an author gives to help define a difficult or unusual word.**

1. **Definition:** *The* ***marsh****, that wet and muggy place, was home to many alligators and snakes.*
2. **Antonym:** *She knew the cup wasn’t* ***fragile*** *when she felt its sturdy hand and thick sides.*
3. **Example:** *A* ***device****, such as a phone or mp3 player, can be expensive.*
4. **Synonym:** *The fox raced* ***swiftly*** *through the trees, quickly running out of sight.*

**Fictional Literary Elements**

**Narrator** – person, animal or thing that is telling the story from their perspective

**Character** – any person, animal, or thing in the story

**Dialogue** – consists of words the characters say to one another; these words are shown with quotation marks

**Events** – what happens to the characters

**Illustration** – a picture that shows what is happening in the story

**Plot** – the overall plan for the story

**Setting** – where and when a story takes place

Glossary

A list of words used in a book and their definitions

**Celsius –** a scale on a thermometer where the interval between the boiling point and the freezing point is divided into 100 degrees

**Charged Particle –** electrons, protons, ions

**Corona –** the very hot, outermost layer of the star’s atmosphere

**Pictures, Illustrations, and Captions:**

 A photograph of a An illustration of
 bar of gold a bag of gold

Graphic Organizers

Tables, Charts, and Maps show
information in a visual way

Table of Contents

Topics/Chapters in the front of a book

Frog’s Diet.....................3

Frog’s Habitat.…………5

Frog’s Physical Traits…..7

Other Information……..8

**Bold Print**

Highlighted text

*Italic print*

**Heading:** divides sections of a book or text and often explains what the section is about

**Title:** what the text is about

**Index**

An alphabetical list of topics in the book and their page numbers

Bees……. 7, 12, 15

Butterflies……3, 7

Flies……. 15, 19

**Non-Fiction Text Features**

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Reference Resources

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| **Dictionary**A book that lists all the words of a language in alphabetical order; gives a word’s meaning, origin, and part of speechhttp://static.guim.co.uk/sys-images/Guardian/About/General/2011/4/20/1303317838255/Dictionary-007.jpg**Guide Words:** words at the top of the page in the dictionary that tell what words are on that page | http://store.worldbook.com/resize/Shared/images/product/Discovery-Encyclopedia/deSet.jpg?lr=t&bw=1000&w=1000&bh=1000&h=1000**Encyclopedia**A set of reference books that contains many different subjects; in ABC order and in volumes |
| **Internet/Webpages**http://blog.laptopmag.com/wpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Navigate-to-a-webpage-you-w-670x397.jpgAn electronic communication network |
| https://encrypted-tbn2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcR6tUJ9Wfpo5yf5vt7Q_jlPLygSHqxgREcVis06f4hqxCSOr_VS**Media**Video and audio copies of television or radio broadcasts, newspapers, magazines, etc. | http://rifsocal.org/images/uploads/photos/websters_thesaurus_1.jpg**Thesaurus**A book that lists synonyms (and sometimes antonyms) in alphabeticalorder |