

# Year 6 English Summer Term 1

## Writing Genres: Fiction with flashbacks Fantasy writing

### Fiction with flashbacks

A flashback can be presented in the form of memories in a story. These can help to explain a situation that is happening in the presence or the motivations behind them. Occasionally, they can be used to foreshadow future events.

As a writer, it is a way to show good control over tenses. Past perfect shows an event which happened in the past **before** another previous event.

It is formed by adding 'had' before the past tense

e.g. I had finished eating by the time they returned.

It also allows past continuous. This is an event that was happening in the past while events occur

e.g. I was reading the paper when they called.

### Fantasy narratives

A fundamental feature of fantasy narratives is that it is set in an unusual world which has been created by the writer's imagination. They can include magic and animals or peoples which are not real such as centaurs, elves, ents and wizards.

It is important therefore for the characters and settings to be described in a lot of detail as the readers does not have a reference point to picture the landscapes these stories are set in.

The description can be developed through

- Expanded noun phrases with interesting and varied adjectives
- Adverbial phrases
- Similes, metaphors and other figurative language
- Specific vocabulary choices

	Key Vocabulary	Definition
Fictional tales	chivalry	courteous behaviour, especially that of a man towards women
	churned	move or cause to move about vigorously or have an unpleasant disturbed feeling
	continuous	to continue without interruption.
	expedition	a journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose, especially that of exploration, research, or war
	flashback	a moment in a story which remembers something that has happened before.
	foreshadow	be a warning or indication of (a future event)
	lament	to express sadness and feeling sorry about something
	nostalgia	a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
	odyssey	a long and eventful or adventurous journey or experience:
	remorse	deep regret or guilt for a wrong committed
	reminisce	indulge in enjoyable recollection of past events
	tentative	not certain or fixed; provisional or done without confidence; hesitant
	wandering	an adjective or verb for travelling aimlessly from place to place
wilderness	an uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region	

### Past tense

We have already learnt there are three main tenses: past, present and future.

Past tense can be further categorised depending on whether the past event was continuing whilst another past event happened or had finished.

### What are the types of past tense verbs?

Simple Past	Past Perfect	Past Continuous	Past Perfect Continuous
finished	had finished	was finishing	had been finishing

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