

100% sheet Key Words of the Short Stories Unit.

Learn the definitions below for a test.

varied sentence structure	Using simple, complex and compound sentences which do not all start with a noun.
adjectives	A word describing a noun
adverbs	A word describing how an action is carried out, or qualifying a verb
circular narratives	Stories which return to the start in terms of location or idea
cliffhanger	Stories which leave the reader in suspense
metaphors	Comparisons which say something is something else
similes	Comparisons which liken something to something else using like or as
flashback, flash forward	Where writers leap forward or back in time
foreshadowing	An event or description which warns or hints about a future event
alliteration	Words which begin with the same letter within a sentence
hyperbole	exaggeration
personification	Comparison where an inanimate object is given human or animate qualities
imagery	A term to describe metaphor, personification and similes.
narrative perspective	The viewpoint from which a story is told: first or third person.
backstory	The story of a person's experiences, like Nathan's in May Malone.
irony	Where the opposite of what you expect is true, like the sweet landlady being a poisoner.
exposition	The introduction to the story.
falling and rising action	The way a story rises to a dramatic event then resolves to a conclusion
climax	The most dramatic part of a story
conflict	Two forces opposing each other
tension and suspense	Readers feel tension and suspense when they feel a character is in danger.