

Introduction to Reading Comprehension

Reading comprehension is a fundamental skill in English Language Arts. It involves identifying main characters and settings, understanding plot structure, and recognizing vocabulary in context. This worksheet is designed to help students develop these skills and provide teachers with a tool to assess student understanding.

Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. Who is the main character in a story?
 - a. a) The protagonist
 - b. b) The antagonist
 - c. c) The narrator
 - d. d) The author
2. What is the setting of a story?
 - a. a) A fantasy world
 - b. b) A historical period
 - c. c) A contemporary city
 - d. d) A rural town
3. What is the main plot of a story?
 - a. a) A hero's journey
 - b. b) A romance
 - c. c) A mystery
 - d. d) A science fiction tale
4. What does the word "narrator" mean in the context of a story?
 - a. a) The person telling the story
 - b. b) The main character
 - c. c) The author
 - d. d) The setting
5. What is the purpose of a story's setting?
 - a. a) To establish the mood
 - b. b) To introduce the characters
 - c. c) To advance the plot
 - d. d) To provide background information

Short Answer Questions

Answer each question in complete sentences.

1. Describe the main character in a story. What are their motivations and goals? (5 points)

2. What is the significance of the setting in a story? How does it relate to the plot? (5 points)

3. Identify and explain two vocabulary words from a story. How are they used in context? (10 points)

Essay Question

Analyze the plot structure of a story. How does the author use exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution to create a cohesive narrative? Use examples from the text to support your answer.

Graphic Organizer

Use the following graphic organizer to help you analyze the plot structure of a story.

Element	Description	Example
Exposition	Introduction to the story	
Rising Action	Building tension and conflict	
Climax	Turning point of the story	
Falling Action	Resolution of the conflict	
Resolution	Conclusion of the story	

Vocabulary Building

Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

1. Protagonist
 - a. a) The person telling the story
 - b. b) The main character
 - c. c) The opposing character
 - d. d) The time and place of the story
2. Antagonist
 - a. a) The person telling the story
 - b. b) The main character
 - c. c) The opposing character
 - d. d) The time and place of the story
3. Narrator
 - a. a) The person telling the story
 - b. b) The main character
 - c. c) The opposing character
 - d. d) The time and place of the story
4. Setting
 - a. a) The person telling the story
 - b. b) The main character
 - c. c) The opposing character
 - d. d) The time and place of the story

Assessment Rubric

Use the following rubric to assess your understanding of reading comprehension skills.

- Ability to identify main characters and settings: _____
- Understanding of basic plot structure: _____
- Ability to recognize and explain vocabulary in context: _____
- Effective analysis and evaluation of the plot structure: _____
- Clear and concise writing: _____

