

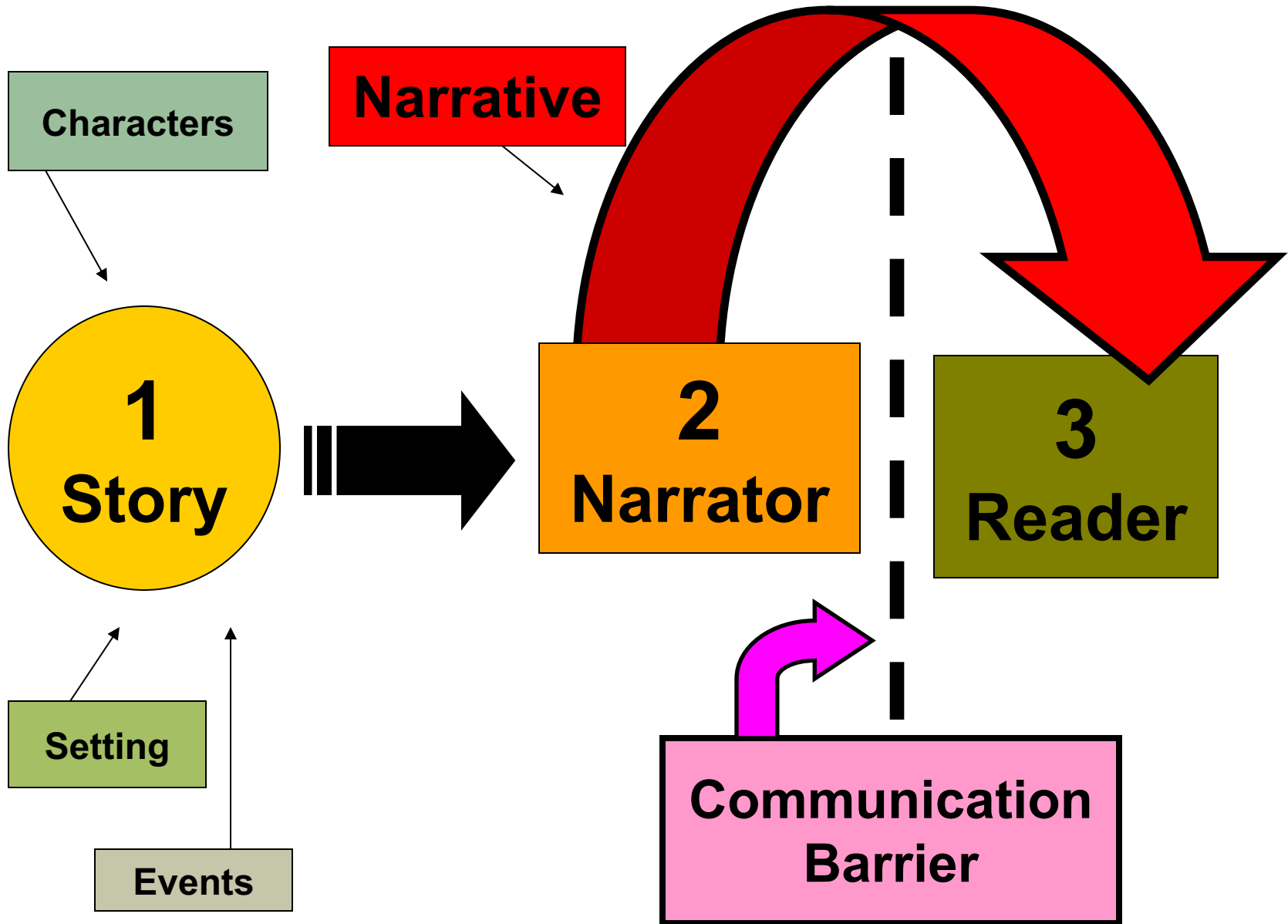
Characterizations

Indirect and **Direct**

Words to Learn

- Narration
- Narrator
- Dialogue
- Quotation Marks
- Direct Characterization
- Explicit
- Indirect Characterization
- Implicit

Role of the Narrator



Voices in the Story

Narrator: tells the story to the reader.

Narration: when the narrator speaks.

Character: people in the story.

Dialogue: when characters speak.

Don't Write This Down

When are you going to let us in the classroom the loud student asked. The sleepy student said Mr. Morton said we can come in when we're quiet. Quiet down students said Mr. Morton. The students were still very noisy students I thought you said you wanted to come in and sit down said Mr. Morton.

Don't Write This Down

“When are you going to let us in the classroom?” the loud student asked. The sleepy student said, “Mr. Morton said we can come in when we’re quiet.” “Quiet down, students,” said Mr. Morton. The students were still very noisy. “Students, I thought you said you wanted to come in and sit down,” said Mr. Morton.

How are these passages different?

“Quotation Marks”

Character’s voices go in **quotes**.

It was hot. “Turn on the fan,” she said.

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He said, “Point it toward us.” She didn’t.

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Quotes show when characters speak.

Direct Characterizations

Narrator explicitly describes a **character**.

Ex: **Tom** struggled in school but tried hard.

Pam was lazy but learned really quickly.

Explicit: Clearly stated.

Indirect Characterization

Character traits revealed through actions

Ex: Jess left the pizza crust on her floor.
Tim helped old Ms. Jones with her bags.

Indirect characterizations are **implicit**.

Implicit: not clearly stated, implied.

Review

The **narrator** tells the story.

Dialogue: when characters speak.

Direct characterization: the narrator explicitly describes the character.

Indirect characterization: character's traits are revealed through their actions.

Practice

1. Read the passage.
2. Write what **indirect character** trait is shown.
3. Explain your answer.

Example

Mr. Morton was teaching the students about characterizations. Kyle let out a big yawn. “Indirect Characterizations are implied, not explicitly stated,” said Mr. Morton.

1. Kyle is bored or tired.

Ex: He yawned, which shows he's tired.

1

After class, Deija asked Dana a question, “I’m sorry, Dana, but my little brother was sick and my parents made me stay home and watch him yesterday. Can I see your reading notes?” Dana huffed and rolled her eyes. She replied to Deija, “Uh, I don’t know where they are right now.”

Suggested Answer

Dana is rude, uncaring, and unhelpful.

Explanation

Deija asks Dana for something reasonable. Rather than politely declining, Dana does a bunch of rude stuff.

2

While playing football with his friends, Evan overthrew the ball and accidentally broke his mom's picture window. Nobody was home, but all of the other boys soon found excuses to leave. When Evan's mom came home, she asked what had happened. Evan looked her in the face and said, "A bird smashed into the window, Mom."

Suggested Answer

Evan is dishonest and cowardly.

Explanation

Rather than telling his mom the truth about what happened, Evan lies. This shows that he is dishonest and not brave enough to fess up to what he did.

3

Tevin was in excruciating pain from football practice. He had been getting terrible sleep ever since training started. He could hardly sleep ten minutes before the pain caused him to roll around. His body was telling him to quit the team, but Tevin refused to hear it. He had one goal in mind: to make the team. Tevin wouldn't stop until his body stopped him.

Suggested Answer

Tevin is dedicated or committed and he is hard working.

Explanation

Tevin is working very hard on his training even though it is affecting him in painful ways. This shows that he is dedicated or committed to the cause and that he is willing to work hard.

4

Tim was walking around the store when he bumped into a display of soup cans, knocking them all over. Tim bought two cartons of eggs then got hit by the automatic door on the way out. It almost broke the eggs. Tim let out a sigh of relief. While walking through the parking lot, Tim tripped over the curb and landed on the eggs, getting them all over his shirt.

Suggested Answer

Tim is clumsy or accident-prone.

Explanation

Tim can't even go to the grocery store without getting into several accidents. He is either clumsy or unlucky.

5

Kim had a bunch of outfits and accessories. It took her forever to decide which combination might impress Kevin. She called her sister several times for advice. Still, Kim could not decide on the right outfit to wear.

Suggested Answer

Kim is fashionable and infatuated.

Explanation

Kim is infatuated with Kevin. This is why she is working so hard to impress him.

Since she is trying to impress him with her clothing, this shows that she is probably fashionable.