English Language Intensive Programme

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 1



10. can listen and respond to a simple narrative

Text Structure - Narrative (fictional)

Orientation - includes main characters

Complication

Resolution

Coda

THE WIND AND THE SUN

The wind and the sun had an argument about who was stronger.

Then they saw a man walking in the park.

They said that the stronger one could get the man's coat off. The wind blew harder and harder but the man held onto his hat and coat tightly. Then the sun came out and it was very hot.

The man took off his hat and coat.

"You see," said the sun, "persuasion is better than force."

Language Features

Use of past tense verbs, e.g. was, saw, blew

Use of nouns to name people, places, things, e.g. wind, sun, park

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. in the park

Use of action verbs, e.g. blew, held, took off

Use of adverbs, e.g. tightly

Use of comparative adjectives, e.g. stronger, harder

Use of saying verbs, e.g. They said

Use of sequencing words, e.g. then

Use of simple conjunctions, e.g. but, and

Use of pronouns, e.g. who was stronger