English Language Intensive Programme

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2

Text Structure - Description (literary)

Introduction

Description - including circumstances and feelings

OLIVER TWIST

My name is Oliver Twist. I am ten years old. I live in a place for poor children because my father and mother are dead. I have been here since I was a baby.

I hate living in the orphanage because we are always hungry and cold. Mr Bumble is in charge of the orphanage. He is very cruel and he often hits us. I wish I had a mother. I am going to run away to London.

Language Features

Use of describing adjectives, e.g. cold, hungry

Use of numbering adjectives, e.g. ten

Use of thinking verbs, e.g. hate, wish

Use of relating verbs, e.g. is, am

Use of action verbs, e.g. live, hits, going to run away

Use of conjunctions, e.g. because, (reason) and (additive)

Use of adverbs, e.g. often, always

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. in a place, to London