

Vocabulary

Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

character a person or creature in a literary work

dialect different ways of speaking depending
on where you're from

first-person narrator the person telling the story—a character
in the story; uses the word *I*

irony a contradiction—a difference between
how something appears and what's true

mood the feeling or atmosphere that a writer
creates
Examples: spooky, lighthearted, or
whimsical

narrator the speaker in a literary work

setting the time and place where the story takes
place

symbol something that has meaning
Example: The ocean in a story may be
more than just the ocean, it may be a
symbol of power and freedom.

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theme the main idea of the story—often about life or human nature; themes can be universal—true at any time and in any place

third-person narrator the person telling the story but is not involved in the story; uses *he* or *she*

tone the writer's attitude
Examples: sarcastic, playful, or happy