

# Narrative

- Give a catchy and concise heading.
- Use appropriate person and change the perspective in accordance with the question.
- Start the narration with an attractive opening sentence.
- Describe the settings and characters of the story.
- Add figurative usages and variety of sentences.
- While keeping the flow of the story, try to avoid unnecessary explanations.
- Direct speech dialogues can be possible within the narration.
- Give an effective ending.

**Q 1:** *Imagine that you are the doctor in the story 'Snake and the Mirror'. You were at your work-place away from your home when the 'snake incident' took place. After reaching home, you narrate the whole incident to your mother. Prepare the likely narrative.*

## The Mirror that Saved My Life

Mom, come and sit with me for a while. I'll tell you about a horrible but strange thing happened last week. "Yes, I'm here with you; tell me son, what happened?"

Mom, it was around ten o'clock in the night. I just returned to my room after having my meal at a restaurant. You know my room was full of rats. We were like sharing friends. I was preparing to go to bed. It was very hot and I just went out to get some cold and fresh air, but in vain as no wind.

I went back to the room and sat in a chair looking into the mirror. In the light of the kerosene lamp I saw myself as a handsome young man. While I was sitting there thinking about increasing my beauty, I heard a 'thud'. I thought it would be a rat and didn't take care. "What was it my son?" Mom, it was a full-blooded cobra! Before I realized the danger, it had already reached on my shoulder and then coiled on my left arm. Mom, it was only three or four inches away from my face and it stayed there spreading its hood. "Oh my God, it's horrible; what did you do my dear?"

But seeing its reflection in the mirror, the snake left me and slithered towards the mirror. Immediately I rushed out of the room and ran for my life as fast as I could.

“Where did you go in that night my son?” I went to my friend’s room and stayed there at that night.

Having decided to shift to a new room, next morning we went to take all my things. But some thieves had already cleaned out everything. “Have you lost anything valuable?” No Mom, only some used and dirty clothes. “It’s okay, God saved you and your friend helped you! I think the snake had the same weakness as yours – dreaming in front of mirror!”

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1. Imagine that Vanka’s grandfather received the letter. What will he do then? He took some decisions. Now, continue the story in your own words.
2. The doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' reaches his friend’s house at night. He tells his friend what had happened. Write the likely narrative.
3. Imagine that you witnessed the shooting in Notun Gram. How will you explain the preparations and the shooting you have seen there to one of your friends? Prepare it in the form of a narrative.
4. You have read the screenplay ‘My Sister’s Shoes’. Retell this as a story to one of your friends. Prepare the narrative.
5. You have heard the story of Mr. John while he lived in London. You told the story to one of your friends. Prepare the narrative.
6. The narrator was so happy to know that Mr. John was the same young man who he had saved years ago. Reaching back in his room, he narrated the whole incident to his wife. Narrate the story in your own words.
7. Martha had to face a lot of difficulties to get the scholarship jacket. Narrate the incidents that happened before the declaration of award of the scholarship jacket.
8. The play ‘The Book that Saved the Earth’ tells us about a failed endeavour of Martians to invade the Earth. Narrate the incidents that happened in the Mars Space Control.
9. Prepare a narrative, describing the attitude of the members in the family towards the rabbit, Adolf.
10. Based on the passage ‘My Childhood Days’, narrate the childhood events as explained by Tagore

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