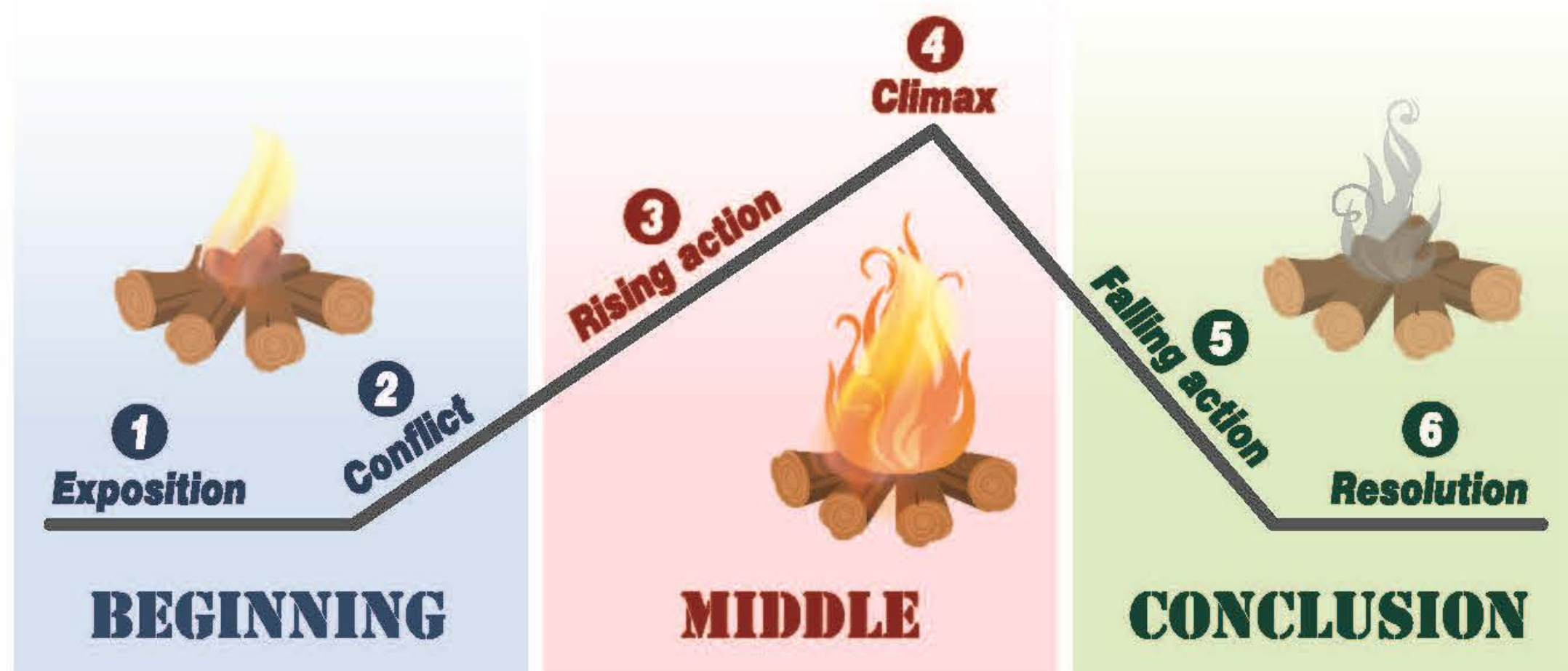


Plot Sequence & Narrative Techniques

PLOT SEQUENCE

key events in a story

The Six Parts of A Story



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| 1 Exposition | The beginning of the story, where characters and setting are introduced |
| 2 Conflict | The main problem in the story |
| 3 Rising action | The events that build suspense |
| 4 Climax | The most exciting part and the turning point of the story |
| 5 Falling action | The events leading to the end of the story, where the tension is relieved |
| 6 Resolution | The end of the story, where the main problem is solved |

Starting from

the beginning

the middle

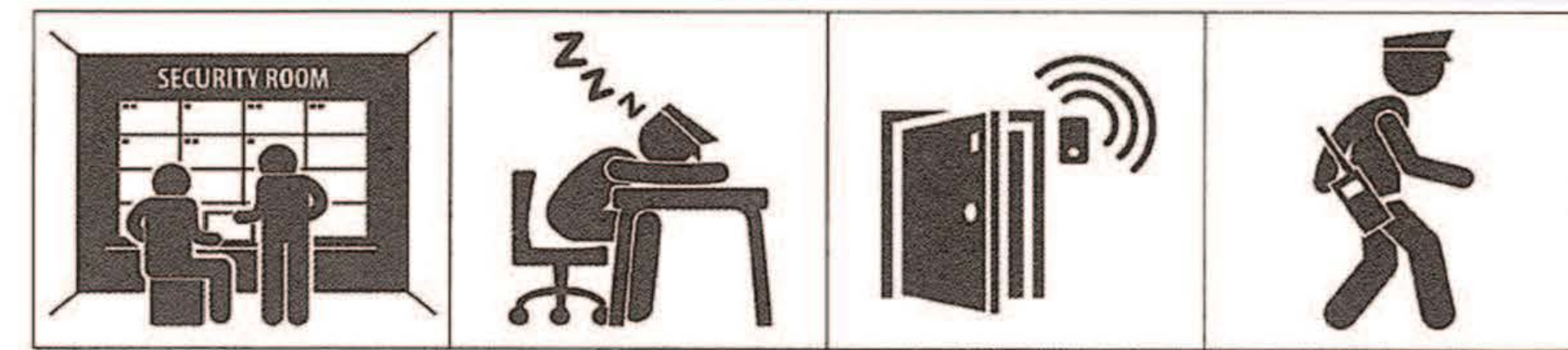
the end

NARRATIVE TECHNIQUES

how the events are unfolded and presented

You are joining a short story contest organised by a book shop.

- Write a scary story about a security guard on duty one night.
- Use the pictures to help you write your story. You can use the pictures in any order.



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Different ways to start a story

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| Character Description | My colleague Bob always slacks and dozes off during his work hours. Last night, he was drooling and snoring terribly as usual when the alarm went off. |
| Setting Description | It was the coldest night of the year, making night shift more unbearable than ever. The piercing wind brushed my icy hands. I was literally frozen. All of a sudden, the light in the security room kept flickering. Before I could figure out what to do, it went off completely, leaving me alone in an eerie darkness. |
| Peak Moment | I couldn't believe my eyes. Fear seized me as I saw a faceless figure in a white cloak with blood hanging from the ceiling. I let out a terrible scream and dashed out of the room. |
| Dialogue | "Wake up! Wake up!" I yelled at the top of my voice, "a ghost is at the staircase!"
"Are you dreaming?" Bob, my colleague, asked in disbelief while rubbing his sleepy eyes. |
| Flashback | "Safe at last!" I heaved a sigh of relief after a narrow escape from the "ghost". What a scary night! It all began when the alarm in the carpark went off at midnight. |