

PROSE

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- Are usually organized in sequence with a beginning, middle, and end
- Use sentences, paragraphs, and/or chapters to organize details and events
- Can be short stories, picture books, or chapter books

The sentences, paragraphs, and chapters of a story written in prose build on one another to help the reader understand the story and/or the author's message or theme.

STORIES

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POETRY

Poetry is a type of literature written in lines and stanzas.

These are also known as poems.

Poems can:

- Tell stories
- Describe events or topics
- Contain rhyming words
- Contain specific rhythms
- Contain repetition

Lines in a poem are grouped into stanzas.

The lines and stanzas in poetry build on one another to help the reader understand the story and/or the author's message or theme.

DRAMAS

Dramas are a type of literature written in scenes and acts. They are written to be performed. Dramas are also known as plays.

Dramas/plays usually include:

- Acts
- Scenes
- Casts of characters
- Descriptions of the setting
- Stage directions
- Dialogue

Scenes are grouped into acts. The scenes and the acts in dramas build on one another to help the reader understand the story and/or the author's message or theme.

FEATURES OF DRAMAS

Feature	Description
Acts	These are the parts of a drama.
Scenes	Scenes are the parts of a drama that make up acts. When a new scene arrives, the setting and/or characters onstage may change.
Cast of Characters	This is a list, usually with a short description, of the characters or actors in a drama.
Stage Directions	These are instructions for the characters. The stage directions may include character movements, character actions, or how to perform or say their dialogue. These are usually written in parentheses.
Dialogue	This is what the characters are saying in the drama.

PARTS THAT MAKE UP THE WHOLE

Literature written in prose, poetry form, or drama form are written in parts. These parts work together to create the overall structure.

Readers should:

- Refer to these parts when talking or writing about the story
- Notice which parts are important to the story or to the author's message or lesson

Prose	Poetry	Dramas
<p>The parts that make up stories written in prose are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sentences• paragraphs• chapters	<p>The parts that make up plays are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• lines• stanzas	<p>The parts that make up dramas or plays are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• acts• scenes <p>Other important parts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• casts of characters• descriptions of setting• stage directions• dialogue