

SMART™ Lesson

Creative Writing

Creative writing is a form of writing that is not restricted to traditional norms of writing. It allows the writer to express themselves freely and create something original.

Types of Creative Writing

There are various types of creative writing:

- Short stories
- Poetry
- Novels
- Scripts for plays or movies
- Personal essays/memoirs

Techniques of Creative Writing

- Imagery - using words that appeal to the five senses - sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell - to create vivid mental pictures
- Metaphors and similes - using comparisons to describe things in a powerful or creative way
- Dialogue - using speech from characters to show their personality or advance the plot of the story.
- Plot - The structure of a written work, which could include an introduction, rising action, climax, and resolution.

Practice Questions

1. What is creative writing?
2. List three types of creative writing.
3. What is imagery in creative writing?
4. What is plot in creative writing?
5. Name one technique used in creative writing.

Once you've written your answers, compare them with a partner or teacher, and discuss your answers with each other. You could also find an article or book about creative writing and share your thoughts or opinions about it with your partner. Try to pick out your favorite examples of techniques used in the piece of work you choose.