Adventure

Definition:
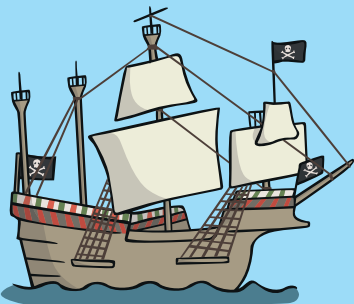A story in which the characters go somewhere exciting and dangerous.

Key Features:
A chase or narrow escape. A battle might be fought. 'Goodies' against 'Baddies'. Usually makes us wonder if the characters will make it or not.

Key Words

Kidnap	Dangerous
Treasure	Unknown
Swordfight	Brave
Escape	Outsmarted
Journey	Suddenly

Settings

Desert Island

Abandoned Ship

Cave

Underwater

Pirate Ship

Detective/Mystery

Definition:
A story in which a crime is committed and the perpetrator is unknown.
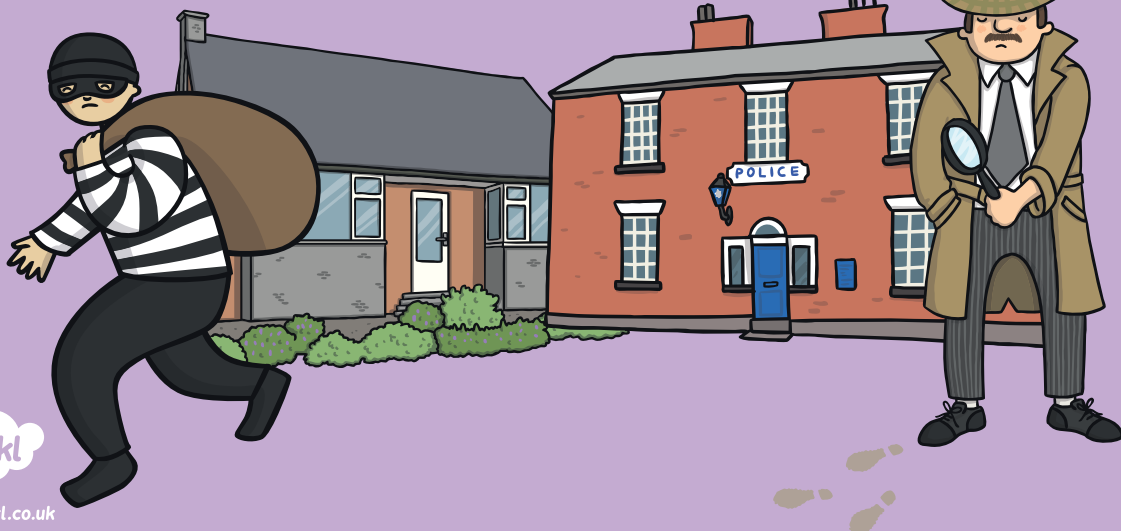
Key Features:
The main character tries to solve the crime. Clues are found to help with solving the mystery, though some clues are found to lead us away from the truth and surprise us at the end.

Key Words

Robbery	Detective
Kidnap	Spy
Clues	Victim
Suspect	Mystery
Suspicious	Millionaire

Settings

Police Station

Mansion

Jewellery Shop

Quiet Village

Fantasy

Definition:
A story about imagined places and people. Not based on reality in any way.
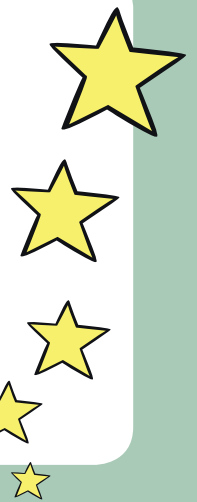
Key Features:
A whole other world with fantastical creatures and magic. Extraordinary and beautiful events.

Key Words

Magical	Mermaids
Enchanted	Kingdom
Unicorn	Castles
Wizard	Fairies
Dragons	Powers

Settings

Clouds

Castle

Magic Cottage

Sea

Sky

Horror

Definition:
A scary story written to frighten people!

Key Features:
Elements of surprise and shock. Detailed descriptions to create a scary atmosphere. All will seem well and then suddenly go wrong.

Key Words

Cackle	Horrifying
Haunting	Shock
Terrified	Screaming
Shivers	Dark
Creeping	Spooky

Settings

Old House or Castle

Unknown Village

Woods

Swamp

Deserted Place

Myths and Legends

Definition:

A myth is a made-up
story used to explain why things are the way they are in
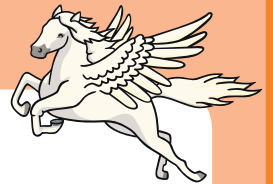the world around us.

Key Features:

Gods and Goddesses fighting and living in an ancient
world. A hero is usually the main character.

Key Words

Mortal	Hero
Immortal	Heroine
Heavens	Nymphs
Monster	Underworld
Creatures	Beginning of time

Settings

Heavens

Earth

Underworld

Ancient Cities

Another World

Science Fiction

Definition:
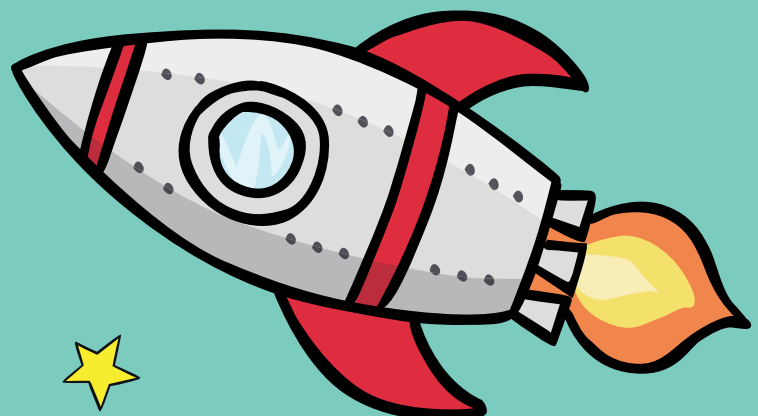Stories that are based around scientific knowledge.

Key Features:
These stories are often set in the future and scientific discoveries are usually the inspiration for the advanced technology that is mentioned in them, e.g. time machine.

Key Words

Mutant	Pod
Galaxy	Meteorite
Laser	Hovercraft
Mission	Zoom
Black Hole	UFO

Settings

Planet

Moon

Spaceship

Galaxy

Traditional Fairy Tales

Definition:

A story about fairies and magic. Usually told through many generations.

Key Features:

Begin with 'Once upon a time…'. Love and magic are common themes. Talking animals. Witches and Wizards. Princes and Princesses. The ending is usually '…happily ever after.'

Key Words

Enchanted	Spell
Three Wishes	Unknown
Castle	Brave
Evil	In Love
Wicked	Beautiful

Settings

Magical Kingdom

Land far, far away

Cottage

Forest

Wood