# Vocabulary definitions

These definitions may help you when introducing them to your students. Modelling the correct usage of the word and in a variety of contexts helps consolidate the understanding and application. Many of these definitions can be found in the NSW English K-10 Syllabus.

## narrative

A story of events or experiences, real or images. Narrative includes the story (what is narrated) and the discourse (how it is narrated).

## complication

In literature, a complication is the catalyst or event that 'kick-starts' a narrative plot, with plot being the sequence of events that make up the narrative.

## conventions

An accepted language practice that has developed over time and is generally used and understood, for example use of punctuation.

## moral

A lesson that can be derived from a narrative or an experience.

## resolution

The part of the narrative where the main problem is resolved or worked out.

## sequence

The sequence of events is the order of events as they occur in a narrative or story.

## dilemma

A situation in which a person has to choose between things that are all bad, where all decisions will be disappointing.

## character

A construct of verbal and/or visual statements to create a fictional, person-like identity.