



ESOL Choice Board for Grades 9-12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>The plot, or action of a story is made up of the events that happen. The author tells the story in a specific order or sequence. Chronological order is when the events of the plot follow one another in order or sequence.</p> <p>Sometimes, authors use literary devices that change the time sequence of a story to make the narrative more interesting. Here are some examples:</p> <p>Flashback is when a story or part of a narrative reveals events that happened at an earlier point in time.</p> <p>Flash forward is when an author relates events that happen after the main time sequence of the narrative.</p>	<p>An idiom is a type of figurative language. Idioms are a phrase or expression that has a meaning that is distinct from the words in the phrase.</p> <p>Example: <i>I really think you're making a <u>tempest in a teacup</u> over this. It's just a tiny scratch on the car!</i></p> <p><u>tempest in a teacup</u> means to make a big disturbance over a small matter.</p> <p>Need some clarification on an idiom you've heard? Click here to look it up</p> <p>Try looking up these idioms if you're curious!:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pull yourself together • by the skin of your teeth • so far so good • add insult to injury 	<p>A personal narrative tells about the author's personal experience. Often, it includes details about how the author felt. Personal narrative essays are often a part of a college application, so it can be beneficial to practice writing them. Click here to see the Common App's essay prompts for 2024/2025.</p> <p>Think about a time when you faced a setback, challenge, or failure. Plan to write a personal narrative telling how it affected you and what you learned from the experience.</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>What was your challenge/ setback/ failure? :</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>How did you try to conquer your challenge/ setback/ failure? :</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>	<p>Today, turn your writing plan into a paragraph. Unsure of how to start? Try following this guide:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p><i>I faced a challenge when... I tried to conquer my challenge by... When I tried to conquer my challenge... My life is different after this because... I learned...</i></p> </div> <p>Share your paragraph with your ELA teacher or college advisor! Ask them for suggestions on edits you could make or narrative paths you could add.</p> <p>Bonus: Can you write your paragraph in your home language?</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<p>Discuss the last semester with an adult who you trust. Reflect with them about how you made the most of this time. What are some ways you succeeded, both academically and personally?</p> <p>After you talk, write down three "I succeeded by _____" statements. Post your statements somewhere you can see them every day this summer.</p> <p>Did you complete the goal setting activity back in January? Look back at your original statements to see how they affected your progress this year. What lessons will you take with you into the future?</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>

Foreshadowing is when the author creates expectations or sets up an explanation for later events.

[Click here](#) to watch a video that explains these concepts again and shows some examples from popular TV shows and movies.

- **live and learn**



What was the result of your effort? :

How is your life different after you encountered your challenge? :

What have you learned from the experience? :

