

FEATURES OF A FABLE

A fable is a short story, featuring non-human characters (often animals), and conveying a moral. The characters often have opposite characteristics – kind/unkind, wise/foolish, confident/shy etc.

Structure

- **Introduction** – introduce main character and setting
- **Build-up** – the main character is told something or challenged in some way by a second character
- **Problem** – the main character faces a dilemma and often makes the wrong choice
- **Resolution** – the problem is solved (possibly with another character's help)
- **Ending / moral** – the main character learns a lesson

Punctuation and grammar

A fable could include these features:

- Past tense
- Speech marks
- Adverbials of time, manner or place
- Antonyms
- Adjectives