

Short Stories

an ambiguous [æm'biɡjuəs] title	eine mehrdeutige Überschrift <i>unclear, confusing, or not certain, especially because it can be understood in more than one way</i>
to arouse the reader's interest	das Interesse des Lesers wecken <i>to make somebody become interested, expect something etc</i>
a short exposition	eine kurze Exposition <i>the beginning of a story that introduces the (main) characters, the theme and the setting</i>
main character / protagonist	Hauptfigur / Protagonist <i>the most important character in a play, film, or story</i>
a flat / minor character	eine eindimensionale Figur / Nebenfigur <i>having only a limited number of character traits</i>
a round character	eine abgerundete / mehrdimensionale Figur <i>having several traits and behaving like in real life</i>
an unusual theme	ein ungewöhnliches Thema <i>the main subject or idea in a piece of writing, speech, film etc</i>
a confusing plot	eine verwirrende Handlung / Handlungsstruktur <i>the events that form the main story of a book, film, or play</i>
internal action	innere Handlung <i>what is going on in the mind of a character</i>
external action	äußere Handlung <i>what a character does and the events that take place</i>
the setting / The story is set in ...	der Schauplatz / Die Geschichte spielt ... <i>the place or time where the events in a book, film etc happen</i>
an exciting rising action	eine aufregende steigende Handlung <i>the part of a story where the conflict is developed</i>
to create suspense / tension	Spannung erzeugen <i>a feeling of excitement when you do not know what will happen next</i>
a suspenseful climax ['klaɪmæks]	ein spannender Höhepunkt <i>the part of a story where the conflict reaches its highest point</i>
a surprising turning-point	eine überraschende Wende <i>the part of a story where the conflict changes</i>
falling action	fallende Handlung <i>the part of a story where the suspense is reduced</i>
a foreshadowing of the ending	eine Vorausdeutung auf das Ende <i>hinting at something that will happen in the future</i>
an unexpected denouement [denu:'mɑ]	eine unerwartete Auflösung <i>a kind of ending where the conflict is resolved</i>
a happy / tragic ending (not: happy end)	ein Happy-End / ein tragisches Ende
a surprise / open ending	ein überraschendes / offenes Ende
to fulfill the reader's expectations	die Erwartungen des Lesers erfüllen
an omniscient [ɒm'nɪʃɪənt / -'nɪʃənt] narrator	ein allwissender Erzähler <i>the voice that tells the story in a book</i>