

Text Types in English NM1

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Instructive Text Types (Textos Instructivos)

* Instructive texts instruct or tell you how to do something.

For example: **manuals, catalogues, messages, advertisement, regulations, labels, posters, recipes, etc.**



This is a sign. It informs you what not to do in this case.

Narrative Text Types (Textos Tipos Narrativos)

A narrative text is a type of text that tells a story or describes a sequence of events in order to entertain or inform the reader by presenting a series of events in a coherent and engaging way. For example: **stories, anecdotes**, etc.

This is a story



It was about two o' clock in the morning, and...suddenly I woke up. I heard a noise. I got out of bed and I went slowly downstairs. There was a light on in the living room. I listened carefully. I could hear two men speaking very carefully. 'Burglars!*' I thought. Immediately I went back upstairs and phoned the police. I was really scared. Fortunately the police arrived quickly. They opened the front door and went into the living room. Then they came upstairs to see me. 'It's all right now, sir', they explained. 'We turned off the television for you!'

Descriptive Text Types (Textos Descriptivos)

A descriptive text usually describes a single location, object, event, person, or place. For example: **brochures, catalogues, advertisement, job advertisement, letters, declarations, etc.**

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Gabriela Mistral was a woman with a multi-faceted personality: she was a poet, an educator, a diplomat and a feminist. She has the honour of being the first Latin American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1945. She had a difficult childhood*, and had to start working as a teacher's assistant by the time she was 15 in order to support herself and her mother. While working as an educator, she also started to write poetry*, some of which were published in the local and national newspapers and magazines. The tragic death of her lover in 1909 influenced her to write "Sonetos de la muerte" which won a national award* for her when published years later. Her popularity as a poetess also opened other doors for her career as a teacher. She had many opportunities to teach at prestigious schools, and then gradually went on to become a college educator. She lived primarily in France and Italy between 1926 and 1932. During this period, she also visited many countries like Brazil, Argentina, the Caribbean, Uruguay, etc. She published many articles in newspapers and magazines throughout the Spanish-speaking world. She never married but had a very profound love for children. She was a very spiritual person. She died on the 10th of January in 1957. She is still remembered as the most important poetess in Chile.



It describes someone

Oral Text Types (Textos Orales)

Spoken texts include **oral stories, interviews, dialogues, monologues** (e.g. a **welcome to country speech, a presentation to the class**), **phone conversations, discussions, role plays, or any other piece of spoken language.**

It's a conversation



What do you do?

- A. It is very fine.
- B. I am a teacher.
- C. It is a great job.
- D. I am 39 years old.