

# Glossary

A glossary includes words and terms that appear in boldface throughout the book, along with their definitions.

## GLOSSARY

- A** **Act:** a division of a play  
**Antonyms:** words with opposite meanings  
**Autobiography:** a story of a person's life written by that subject
- B** **Biography:** a story that tells about a person's life
- C** **Cast:** a list of characters in a drama or play  
**Cause:** the reason something happens  
**Characters:** the people in a story or play  
**Chronological order:** the order in which things happen  
**Compare:** how two things are alike  
**Conclusions:** details figured out by putting together information from a story  
**Conflict:** a problem or struggle in a story  
**Contrast:** how two things are different  
**Convince:** to make someone feel sure
- D** **Definitions:** words that tell what another word means  
**Descriptions:** words that tell you more about another word  
**Details:** important information in a story or article  
**Dialogue:** what the characters say in a story or play  
**Drama:** a story written to be performed
- E** **Editorial:** an article that gives someone's opinion  
**Effect:** the result or thing that happens  
**Evidence:** proof

- F** **Fable:** a short story in which animals act like humans  
**Fact:** a statement or information that can be proven  
**Fairy tale:** a type of traditional story that involves magical creatures interacting with humans in good and bad ways  
**Fiction:** a made-up story  
**Figurative language:** language that is not meant literally  
**Folktale:** a story about ordinary people that teaches a lesson about how people behave
- G** **Genre:** type of literature
- H** **Hyperbole:** exaggerated statement for effect  
**Hyperlink:** a link that uses the World Wide Web to find another source of information
- I** **Illustrations:** pictures  
**Inferences:** information figured out with details from the story and what you know
- K** **Key words:** list of important words in a text
- L** **Literal:** word means exactly what it says
- M** **Main idea:** what the story, article, or paragraph is about  
**Metaphor:** a type of figurative language that compares two unlike things but does not use the words like or as  
**Moral:** concerned with the principles of right and wrong  
**Myth:** a story that explains something about nature or a people's customs or beliefs