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Miss
Sunshine's
Class

Helpful hints

Non-fiction texts have their own set of language features, organisation and layout. There is a big difference between an advertisement persuading adults to buy a new laptop, and an explanation text for school children!

UNIT 1 LOOKING CLOSER AT NON-FICTION Part A

Know and understand the features of different non-fiction texts.

1 Find the meaning of these words. You may use Bahasa or simpler English.

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| • features | | • shoelace | |
| • organisation | | • lifetime | |
| • layout | | • purchase | |
| • advertisement | | • argument | |
| • persuasion | | • recount | |

2 Identify the correct non-fiction text type.

Extract	Non-fiction type
a Take one shoelace in each hand and make the shape of a cross.	
b Come to 'High Hopes' adventure theme park for the experience of a lifetime!	
c Schoolboy in Dramatic Rescue of Teacher!	
d Micah called up about three in the morning, to tell us of a great fire they saw in the city. So I rose, and went to the window.	
e William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire, and baptised a few days later on 26 April 1564.	
f Dear Sir, I am writing to complain about an item of clothing I purchased at your store.	

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Part B

Compare the language,
style and impact of
non-fiction texts!

Helpful hints

Recount texts are non-fiction texts. Recount texts re-tell the story of something that has happened.

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What text types are A, B, and C?

A

Monday

Boring morning in school!
Maths was SO hard! At break,
played with Henry. Had chips
and salad for lunch. PE
(cricket) in the afternoon, and
our side won. Hooray! Yucky
stew for dinner, then attempted
maths homework. Couldn't
finish it. Watched some TV.
In bed by 9pm.

Text type:

B

Pamela
Mordecai was
born in 1942 in
Kingston,
Jamaica. She is
a Jamaican teacher,
scholar, poet and writer of
short fiction. She attended
high school in Jamaica and
college in the USA, where
she did a degree in English.
Mordecai has written over
thirty books including
children's books and five
books of poetry for adults.



Text type:

2

Give two similarities
and two differences
between these texts.

C

Lorry Error Engulfs City in Bubbles!

Yesterday, an error
by a lorry driver
caused the main
street in Cairo to
be covered in
bubbles. When
attempting to
reverse his lorry,
Abdul Serai accidentally
discharged 5000 litres of
'Happy Dishes' washing-
up liquid on to the street.
Abdul said, "Everyone
was shouting directions,



and I suddenly became
confused. I'm afraid I
pressed the release
button instead of the
reverse."

Text type: