

13. ADDING FLASHBACKS

Inserting Flashback in your narration

Flashback takes you back in time.

Read the following extracts. Underline the flashback and write what it tells about the character.

Kelly groaned and held her elbow. She was sitting on the bench in the doctor's office. The doctor turned to Kelly and asked "So how did it happen?" Kelly thought back to the box-sledge challenge. Her brother wanted them to do it. They broke down a box and brought it to the top of the stairs.... Kelly thought back and shuddered. Then she told the doctor, "I fell"



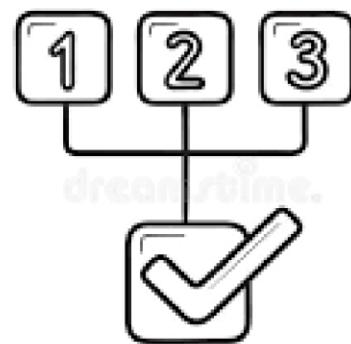
Devin combed her hair with her fingers. She gazed in the mirror of the gas station bathroom. A truck honked in the distance. Why did she ever dye her hair purple? That was silly. As she stared at the mirror, she remembered when her hair was of natural colour. It was so easy to find a right outfit back then. Life was so simple. Devin thought and sighed.

What is a purpose of using a flashback in the above passages?

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- _____
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Flashback



Three steps to add a flashback:

Begin flashback by the phrases like:

- Suddenly, I remember
- They were good old days
- It was just a year back

Describe a flashback:

- How my mother talked to Susan
- When my bank balance was almost unfathomable
- Tom ignored me in every occasion

Close flashback:

- Alas! things will never be the same
- That was too terrible
- I smiled and got back to my work



Imagine and write Mr Karim's flashback:
