

Titlul resursei: THE FOUR ELEMENTS

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Competențe specifice vizate:

2.2 Relatarea conținutului unui film / al unei povestiri, pe baza unui plan de idei dat

THE FOUR ELEMENTS

TASK 1

The four elements of the story are:

1. Setting.
2. Main character.
3. Essence of story line.
4. Main object.

Example: The dentist's waiting room

1. Setting: A dentist's waiting room.
2. Main character: Brian, a nervous patient.
3. Essence of story line: Brian becomes increasingly nervous as he waits in the waiting room and desperately thinks of an excuse to leave.
4. Main object: A huge bright orange umbrella.

Worked example of a story developed from the four elements:

The next patient came out from the dentist's room holding his cheek in much pain and Brian finally made up his mind that he was not going to stop. He would re-book his appointment! Being a coward at heart he felt that today was definitely not the day to suffer a painful filling. But what should he do? He glanced round at the other patients who were reading magazines and looking quite calm. Suddenly an idea occurred to him. He fiddled apparently casually with his huge, bright orange umbrella and 'accidentally' pressed the button which released the mechanism and the umbrella opened up. 'Oh no!' he exclaimed. He went over to the receptionist. 'I'm sorry about this, but I've done a stupid thing. My umbrella has accidentally opened indoors. I'm a terribly superstitious person and I couldn't possibly see the dentist now that this has happened. Could I, er, reappoint please – for another day?' He gave the receptionist a feeble smile.

TASK 2

SETTING	MAIN CHARACTER	ESSENCE OF STORY LINE	MAIN OBJECT
A railway station cafe.	A disorganized man who keeps losing things, has lots of bags.	He can't find his lottery ticket, but has a very strong feeling he's won. One at first, then more and more help until a crowd is helping him (thinking that they may share in his winnings).	Lottery ticket.

A trip to the zoo	The elephant keeper who is very entertaining.	You are standing looking at the elephant when it puts out its trunk and takes your camera. The keeper has an entertaining time trying to get it back.	Your new camera
A summertime walk in the woods			

TASK 3

Pick up red, blue, yellow and green pencils and underline each line in each set of elements with a different colour.

1. Setting cards:

- a) A hotel in the present.
- b) A farm in high summer.
- c) A circus on a performance night.
- b) A lonely lane at night.

2. Character cards:

- a) An Olympic athlete.
- b) A zoo keeper.
- c) A top chef.
- d) A fire chief.

3. Essence of story line cards:

- a) A man has made a big mistake and needs time to get over it.
- b) An old person meets someone from the past and this has a huge effect on her.
- c) A person's lifelong love and work for animals is at last recognized.
- d) Someone has just come out of hospital, is glad to be alive and sees the world differently.

4. Main object cards:

- a) A supermarket trolley.
- b) A beautiful red dress.
- c) A sealed box which contains a surprise.
- d) A garden spade

TASK 4

Write a story based on all the elements underlined in the colour you chose in Task 3.