

the 4 modes of narratives

Direct Declarative Mode

sequence of events in chronological order
told in the 3rd person (he, she, they)

Have we seen this mode before?

handout for other 3 modes

go over 3 modes,

then assignment (pass out assignment sheet)

Indirect Declarative Mode

report action using indirect statements, such as:

according to...
the story goes that...
it is said that...
it is commonly believed...
etc.

examples

“The Persians *say that...*”

or

“*It is commonly believed that* Darius, the king of Persian, could be violent and irrational. *It is said that* he had a messenger murdered because he did not like his message.”

or

“*It is alleged that* on the Ides of March Cassius was seen skulking around a back alley of the Roman forum.”

Why do we use this mode?

Interrogative Mode

write a declarative mode narrative as **a series of questions**

example

What caused Icarus to drown? How did it come about that he plummeted to the sea? Was it due to a natural event? Did a strong downdraft cause his rapid descent? Or was it the fault of humans? Was it a poorly designed wing? Was his flight instruction inadequate? Was his youth a factor? Did he listen carefully to the instructions? Did he

fully comprehend the danger of his undertaking? Was it *hubris* that caused his demise?
The accident is still under investigation.

Why/when do we use this mode?

Comparative Mode

place the good beside the bad, the good beside the excellent, the wise choice beside the foolish, the desirable beside the less desirable, etc.

example

Daedalus, the legendary Greek craftsman, instead of trying to win back the favor of King Minos, decided to escape his grasp. Rather than trying to escape by land or by sea, he made his escape by air. Instead of assuming his son would follow him closely as they flew across land and sea, he should have anticipated the exuberance and rashness of youth and followed closely behind his son to prevent any unforeseen accident. Icarus should have listened to the advice of his father. Instead of flying too close to the sun, he should have kept a middle course between sun and sea.

Why do we use this mode?

What is the fourth narrative mode?

What are its characteristics?

PROGYMNASMATA ASSIGNMENT DUE OCTOBER 25, 2018

Rewrite the “Alexander Moved by Tears” narrative, which is written in the Direct Declarative Mode, in one of the following three modes: Indirect Declarative Mode, Interrogative Mode, or Comparative Mode.

Which mode did you choose?

_____ **Indirect Declarative Mode**

_____ I used only indirect statements, such as

or

_____ **Interrogative Mode**

_____ I phrased all sentences as questions.

or

_____ **Comparative Mode**

_____ I posed all sentences so as to show choices made by the character/
person involved.

General points to check for:

_____ I've chosen words that are vivid.

_____ I read my passage aloud to check for errors and to listen to its style.

_____ My passage is between 75 and 100 words in length.

Alexander Moved by Tears

In 333 B.C., Alexander the Great fought a strategic battle at Issus against his Persian enemy Darius. Alexander and his men killed more than ten thousand enemy troops. However, Darius escaped. Among Alexander's many captives were Darius's mother, wife, and two daughters. When they saw Darius's empty chariot and his weapons, they thought he was dead and began to weep. Alexander declared that Darius had escaped and that they need not fear Alexander. Alexander permitted them to bury their dead and granted them many other favors. He never allowed anyone to shame them, for he thought it more kingly to master himself than to subdue others.