# Lesson 2: Narrative Strategies



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When a passage tells a story, it is called **narration**. Writers use narrative strategies to make their stories more vivid. They add **movement** to the story by describing characters doing things and moving from place to place. They use **description**—details that appeal to the five senses—to help the readers see the characters, the setting, and the action. Writers also create uncertainty in the reader’s mind about what will happen next, a technique known as **suspense**.

##### DIRECTIONS: Read the following excerpt from Anzia Yezierska’s novel, The Bread Givers, in which the narrator, Sara, describes what happens when her sister Mashah is jilted by her fiancé, Jacob. Then answer the questions that follow.





