

## LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

### JSS 1

### WEEK2

#### PROSE: MEANING, TYPES AND FEATURES OF PROSE

1. **Prose** is written or spoken language that typically follows the natural flow of speech. Prose is written in sentences and chapters. A person who writes prose is called a novelist.
2. **forms** of prose are:
  - a. **Narrative prose** are prose passages that tell well-defined stories. Examples are short stories, folklore, fables and legends. All stories must have a beginning, a middle and an end.
  - b. **Descriptive prose** are prose passages that detailed description of characters, setting, places, things or incidents. Example of descriptive prose is "Two on the Trail".
3. **Features of prose** are:
  - a. **Style:** The language of prose is the ordinary form of the written or spoken language. It is without rhythm and is similar to everyday communication.
  - b. **Diction:** This refers to the choice of words used by writers. For instance, writers of short stories, like children's stories, usually use simple words that children easily understand.
  - c. **Theme:** This is the main subject or the main idea in a text that the writer wants to share with the reader.
  - d. **Plot:** This refers to the arrangement of events that form the main story of a book. It's also refers to as the story line of a literary work. A plot can be simple or complex.
  - e. **Setting:** Setting refers to the place, time and environment where the events in a story take place.
  - f. **Characterisation:** This is the means writers use to describe a character to the reader. Characters are in stories to perform certain roles. Writers make these characters – men or women or even animals seem like real persons so as to perform their unique roles.
  - g. **Point of view:** This refers to the writer's mode of narration or the narrative voice used to tell the story.

#### HOME WORK

1. What is prose?
2. Differentiate between narrative and descriptive prose.
3. List and explain **FIVE** features of prose.