

5.4.1 Types of genre (Std, ES and EAL/D)

What do we expect?

Look at the list of genres in the table and in the empty columns note what you expect to encounter in that genre and how you would approach reading these texts.

Genre	Subject matter	Participants	Style	How it is read
Science fiction				
Bus or train timetable				
Romance novel				
Western film				
Newspaper article				
Academic Essay				





Different ways of telling stories

All the stories below have the same key idea. They are all about difference and prejudice but are told in different ways for different audiences and purposes. Add some suggestions of your own to the table below or use one of the existing stories and adapt it to one of the other genres suggested.

Story	Text form	Purpose	Audience	Genre
Two detectives with different views about the world solve a series of hate crimes and fall in love.	Television series	To entertain	Adult	Crime story and romance
A girl from one family and a boy from another family that hate each other fall in love, secretly marry and are driven to their deaths.	Play	To entertain and persuade	All ages	Romance and tragedy
An immigrant's story of escape from a war-torn country where he has been persecuted for his religious beliefs and his settlement in Australia.	Documentary	To raise awareness and persuade	Adults	Narrative and biography
Friendly alien life forms invade Earth undetected except by a ten year-old girl who is the only one who recognises that they mean no harm.	Film	To entertain and influence behaviour	7-14 year olds	Science fiction, detective story and action
	Computer game	To engage	Young adults	
	You Tube video	To persuade	Teenagers	
				Fantasy