Features of Different Genres

Fiction	
Real Life (realistic fiction)	1. The characters could be real people 2. The setting can be real 3. The events did not actually happen but they could have 4. The plot is a familiar theme from everyday life
Fairy Tale / Traditional Tale / Folk Tale	1. indistinct time and place 2. animals behaving like humans (talking animals) 3. characters playing tricks 4. small brave characters 5. a moral 6. good triumphing over evil 7. It has a happy ending 8. It has magic
Adventurous Story	1) characters (often children) face situations that need quick thinking 2) a build-up to give hints and clues about what will happen 3) obstacles to get over 4) a resolution where the dilemma is solved 5) exciting plot 6) a hero or a heroine 7) short, snappy sentences for effect

Non-Fiction	
Instructional Text	1) heading 2) sub-heading 3) numbered points 4) bossy verbs 5) time words 6) diagrams or photographs 7) clear language 8) advice / warning 9) adverbs to show how the action should be done
Informational Text	1) headings / sub-headings 2) bolded words 3) captions 4) diagrams/ charts / pictures / maps 5) table of content 6) glossary 7) index 8) labels 9) bullet points