

Telling Differences

1. Which terms in “The Tell-Tale Heart” are associated with the head or with the heart? List them in the two columns below.

Head	Heart

2. Plot and story in literary study have specific meanings which are not always given in general dictionaries. Look up the two words in a good dictionary of literary terms like those by Oxford, Penguin, Bedford, or Cengage. Write down key events in the story ordered according to plot and according to story in the table below.

Plot	Story

3. We have noticed in discussing “The Nightingale and the Rose” that words have denotative meanings like those defined in the dictionary (ex. the rose is a kind of flower), connotative meanings that one associates with the thing but not necessarily given in the dictionary (like the rose meaning love or passion), and specific meanings created by the author in a particular work (like a great dusty book meaning philosophy and metaphysics). Consider the words below and note briefly what they mean in “The Tell-Tale Heart.”
- true (135):
 - thrust (135):
 - they heard (139):
 - villains (139):
 - it is the beating of his hideous heart (139):