

Recount Writing

THE PURPOSE OF RECOUNT IS TO RETELL EVENTS. IT TELLS US ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAS HAPPENED.

Features of Recount Writing

- ▶ A title to capture the reader's attention and tell what the recount is about.
- ▶ Start by setting the scene e.g 'what', 'where', 'when', 'how'.
- ▶ An opening paragraph with a more detailed summary of the main events.
- ▶ Organise the main events in a chronological order. Leave out irrelevant details.
- ▶ Write in the past tense.
- ▶ Use topic specific vocabulary.
- ▶ Final paragraph with concluding statements. This should bring the reader back to the subject.

Planning

- ▶ Start by making a plan for your story.
- ▶ Think about the main events of your story and put them in the correct order. Think of a suitable subheading for the information.
- ▶ Note down any describing words, connectives or openers that you want to use.

Beginning to Write

When you are ready to write begin with your introduction.

Read over your introduction, checking if you have included a summary of the main events and you have included enough detail.

Remember to write in first person.

Always take a break from writing and read over what you already have. This allows you to spot information you may have missed out or any punctuation required.

Example – Title and Opening Paragraph

My Olympic Football Surprise (title to catch the reader's attention)

When my mum told us we were all going to an Olympic football match I thought it would be quite boring because I had never been to a match before. However I was very wrong about that: it was a brilliant day out.

(Opening paragraph includes a summary of the relevant main events)

Example - First Paragraph

The Preparations (relevant subheading)

Before the match day we had looked on the Olympic website for rules about what we could take and the best advice for travel. We were allowed to pack a picnic but not take any drinks in, and we decided to travel on the bus. We had extra tickets so my cousins came with us and my dad even took the day off work. We left in plenty of time and as we approached the bus station in Glasgow I couldn't believe how many people were queuing round the pavements. It took me a minute to realise they were all going to see the match as well, and furthermore, I felt surprised that I was becoming so excited. The queue was for the shuttle bus to Hampden, and we got there in no time.

(relevant events organised in clear chronological order)

Example - Conclusion

Finally (subheading)

I had such a great day at Hampden. I wanted to write about it and share my experience because I didn't think a football match would be so good. However, I was wrong. It was exceptional and I can't wait to go to another one. If you get the chance to go to a match, my advice is go!

(concluding paragraph which summarises aspects of the recount)