

RECOUNTS TOOLKIT

Audience:

Someone who is interested in what has occurred.

Purpose:

To let the reader know what has happened in an interesting and informative way.

Structure:

Paragraphs that are organised in chronological order.

Language features:

- Past tense
- Written in first or third person
- Time connectives

Examples of recounts:

- Newspaper articles
- Magazine articles
- Autobiographies
- Information about historical events
- What happened on a school trip



Remember to:

- Write a title that will interest the reader.
- Set the scene. Include facts about who?, why?, where?, what? and when?
- Write in chronological order, including information that is amusing, exciting, significant to interest your reader.
- Start paragraphs with a topic sentence
- Write a conclusion.

It is important to...

- Write in the past tense (unless commenting on present feelings or circumstances).
- Use time connectives
- Include accurate descriptions.
- Use the first person (personal account) or the third person (impersonal account).
- Use direct quotes or reported speech where relevant (if this is possible).

