

# WRITING A PERSONAL RECOUNT

## Purpose:

*To retell events that  
the writer was  
personally involved in.*

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... and  
then he  
told her...





# *Examples of Different Types of Personal Recounts:*

*diaries, journal entries,  
autobiographies,  
interviews and  
conversations*





# Structure:

## 1) Orientation:

*Introductory information about who, what, where and when the event occurred.*

## 2) Series of Events:

*Series of paragraphs that retell the events in chronological order.*

## 3) Reorientation:

*A personal comment about the event.*

## Structural Features:

**\* Use a title.**

**\* Organize by paragraphs.**



## **Language Features:**

- \* Use descriptive words.***
- \* Use personal pronouns like “I” or “we”.***
- \* Use of verbs and adverbs.***
- \* Use verbs in past tense.***
- \* Use time connectives to show sequence.***

## **Questions to Ask Yourself:**

***What happened? Where did it happen? When did it happen? Who was involved? What happened first? What happened next? What was the highlight of the event? How did you feel? Did anything surprising or funny happen?***