

Recount

What is it?

A recount is a text which tells the reader about an event which happened in real life. The text has a time sequence. It has paragraphs and phrases which help the reader to understand the order of events. A recount text can have many genres, such as a newspaper article, a diary, a journal, a report, a review, minutes of meetings, a biography or autobiography.

How is the text organised?

Title	names the event or key theme
Introduction	<p>Newspaper article or report/retell: summarises the event following a who, what, where, when + detail format</p> <p>Diary or journal: may summarise the event or summarise feelings about the day/ period of time/ event</p> <p>Review: may give a rating or summarise the writer's opinion or begin the recount without a distinctive introduction.</p> <p>Auto/biography: May summarise the subject's life or introduce a key theme or start at the beginning in time order.</p>
Paragraphs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> organised by content and sequence may start with a topic sentence or a word or phrase indicating sequence a newspaper article might have headings and subheadings and photographs; a review may have images; a diary or journal may have drawings or diagrams.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an evaluative comment, a surprise or special piece of information on the subject

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • something which relates the reader to the subject • speculation about the future for someone or something in the text
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What language is often used in an information text?

Nouns and pronouns that refer to specific participants	The mountaineer Sarah Johnson My class
Adverbs and adverbial phrases to indicate time or sequence	First, initially, in the morning After that, later, subsequently In the end, finally, ultimately
Adverbs and adverbial phrases to indicate time and place	Opposite the town hall, inside the museum, in 1856, last week
Verbs: mainly action verbs in the past tense	went, ran, said, climbed, escaped, visited
Factual, precise adjectives and noun phrases to specify	e.g. a tall, bald man with a thick moustache the 17 th century farm building
Descriptive adjectives and noun phrases to create interest or influence opinion	An innocent bystander The careless owner Any right-minded person...
Reported and direct speech (mainly in newspaper articles)	Reported speech: The chief inspector said it was the worst incident seen in the city. Direct speech: "It is the worst incident seen in the city," said the chief inspector.

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