

Tips for Writing Excellent Recounts

- Plan by thinking ‘Who? What? When? Why?’
- Start with an orientation paragraph that informs the reader about the content of the recount.
- Recount events in chronological order. (Draw a flow chart to help sequence events.)
- Recount events that are significant and those that amuse the reader.
- Use connectives that signal time e.g. then, next, meanwhile, finally etc.
- Write as if you are telling the story but always use the past tense.
- End with a closing statement that comments on the events.

