



Personal Recount Features

PURPOSE

Report significant events. Help your reader imagine what it was like, being there

LANGUAGE

- **First person:** I, me, we, my
- **Past tense**
- **Adjectives**
- **Adverbs/ adverbials for time:** first, next, then, after that, meanwhile, later, earlier, eventually, a few months/ weeks/ days/ hours/ minutes/ seconds/ later, finally

STRUCTURE

Use paragraphs for:

1. **Introduction**
Who? What? Where? When?
2. **Events**
described in order
3. **Sum up**
at the end

TIPS:

- Include descriptions of what you **thought** and how you **felt**
- Try opening some sentences with a fronted adverbial

Adverbials tell you more about...

HOW? (manner), **WHERE?** (place), **WHEN?** (time) and **WHY?** (reason)

HOW? manner	The cat jumped on the wall <u>with</u> one enormous leap.
WHERE? place	The cat jumped on the wall <u>at</u> the bottom of the garden.
WHEN? time	The cat jumped on the wall <u>after</u> eating his breakfast.
WHY? reason	The cat jumped on the wall <u>because</u> the dog was chasing him.

Fronted Adverbials

An adverbial that normally comes after the verb can be moved to come before the verb; when this happens, we say it has been ‘fronted’.

When writing fronted adverbials, we follow them with a comma.

HOW? manner	With one enormous leap, the cat jumped on the wall.
WHERE? place	At the bottom of the garden, the cat jumped on the wall.
WHEN? time	After eating his breakfast, the cat jumped on the wall.
WHY? reason	Because the dog was chasing him, the cat jumped on the wall.

Fronted Adverbials – further ideas

<p>How? Feeling terrified, With my heart pounding, With deadly accuracy, With hungry eyes, Stealthily, Like lightning, In the blink of an eye,</p>	<p>Where? On the ice, Beneath the waves, Through the snow, Into the darkness, Over the ground, Above my head, Outside,</p>
<p>When? At dawn, During the winter, Before I knew what was happening, In the dead of night, While I was playing, After waking, As I watched,</p>	<p>Why? Because I had given up hope, So that it could not find me, As I was lost, Since there was nowhere else to go, Because I was too tired, So I would not be seen, As I was smaller,</p>