

# Past tenses : how to write about a personal anecdote

## Make sure you use the following tips

### 1/ Structure

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| Introduction                      | I am going to write about ....                                                                                                              |  |  |
| Context of the story / background | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- when and where</li> <li>- who I was with</li> <li>- what was going on/ what I was doing</li> </ul> |  |  |
| Body of text / story              | Actions :<br>- what happened step by step                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Conclusion                        | I remember it because....<br>This story is important to me because....                                                                      |  |  |

### 2/ Tenses and vocabulary :

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| Past continuous |  |  |
| Past simple     |  |  |
| Action verbs    |  |  |
| Adjectives      |  |  |

### 3/ Chronology :

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| Time linkers                                                                             |  |  |
| First / First of all<br>then / next /<br>Suddenly ....<br>later<br>after that<br>finally |  |  |