

Parents: This week, we will be focussing on recounts. A recount text is a piece of writing that gives details of an event that has happened. Recount texts can come in the form of diary entries, newspaper articles and letters, and usually have the following features:

- Written in chronological order
- Written in the first person (diaries and letters)
- Written in the past tense
- Use time connectives

Children will usually be asked to write a recount about something exciting and memorable that has happened, or may be asked to imagine themselves as a character in a book and write a recount of an important event that has occurred in the story.

**Task 1:** Watch the video of Michael Rosen explaining recounts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReOpCqUZu9w>

**Task 2:** Imagine that you are Mole and write a recount about what happened in the Wild Wood.

Summer was long over and the bitter cold had kept us indoors for too long. I was bored to tears and Badger had not come to visit as he had promised.

In the winter time Ratty slept a lot; going to bed early and getting up late. During his short day he sometimes wrote poetry or did other small jobs about the house; and, of course, there were always animals dropping in for a chat.

Still, I had a good deal of spare time on my hands, and so one afternoon, I decided to go out by myself and explore the Wild Wood, and perhaps go and visit Mr. Badger.

It was a cold still afternoon with a steely grey sky overhead, when I slipped out of the cosy, warm parlour into the chilly, open air. The country was leafless around me as I walked towards the Wild Wood, which lay before me low and threatening.

There was nothing to alarm me when I first entered the woods.