

WRITING A NARRATIVE

It usually refers to the writer's experience.

It tells a story which may be made up. However, it must be believable to the reader.

Chronological order is essential.

Language will be semi-formal. Contractions are acceptable.

TITLE	My last holidays A scary day A funny experience that happened to you on holiday.
INTRODUCTION Who, when, where, what	• Last summer I went to Thailand... • There was a time two years ago I remember clearly. • I will never forget that terrible moment when... • Something really strange happened to me • Sometimes, unexpected things happen to us. I will always remember the day when... • On the afternoon of 5 August, 2017, there was a plane crash in... • I am usually a (nice / early / pleasant / calm / ...) person. However, ... • Although I would like to forget everything that happened that day, I know... • I will always remember the day I decided to practice trekking. Trekking consists of walking in areas where the use of vehicles is not always possible. I was encouraged by a group of friends who were used to trekking; now I see I was not ready for what was going to happen. • One of the (best / worst / happiest / scariest / ...) moments in my life was when... • Life is about choosing and about making life-changing decisions. • In life, we all undergo situations which... • Although I think my life is, generally speaking, quite a pleasant one,... • In order to have a pleasant, happy life, we all must... • Have you ever considered that you may be chased by bad luck?
BEGINNING OF THE STORY How it all started	• It all started when Mrs. Martin shouted 'Stay in line!' • The hotel was small but luxurious... • The red carpet had a blood stain...
MIDDLE EVENTS Chronological order of events	• Just as I was talking to my best friend, ... • Just as I was leaving the room, something got my attention. • Immediately after cleaning it, the stain came back
END OF THE STORY	• I looked up and saw Naomi. She was laughing too. • We were all impressed by the woman's solidarity. • The police arrested the man thanks to the evidence. • I had never been so.... in my life before.
CONCLUSION My present feelings and memories	• I never really believed my grandpa until I saw my friends laughing. I still feel embarrassed for all that had happened. • It was the best summer ever; whenever I think of it, it is with a great smile! • Seeing the consequences, I'll never do that again. • A memory I'd love to keep forever. • Since that day, things have never been the same. • Fortunately, it all ended well. I spent two days in hospital and left without any trace of what had happened. But I haven't gone trekking any more!

WRITING A NARRATIVE: EXTRA TIPS

+ Use adverbs of manner and adjectives which describe feelings.

- Something really amazing happened to me
- That was an incredibly awful thing to do
- That was such an absolutely thrilling experience
- She sang amazingly
- Then he surprisingly said: '...'

+ Tenses.

- **Past simple:** It all started
- **Past continuous:** It was raining
- **Past perfect:** She had left me days before
- **Present simple:** to express your present memories or feelings
- **Present perfect:** to express how it all has influenced you.
- **Future:** to express how it will influence you in the future.

+ Use idioms.

- Every cloud has a silver lining
- On paper (= in theory)
- Best case scenario

+ Useful Webpages

<https://en.islcollective.com/english-esl-worksheets/vocabulary/storytelling/tips-writing-short-story/116680>

<https://www.esleschool.com/fce-writing-section-a-short-story-1/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHdzv1NfZRM>

+ Use connectors of sequence and time adverbs. Complete:

- To begin, ...
- Immediately after that,...
- Just I was leaving,...
- At that very moment,...
- It all began...
- Without warning,...
- Out the blue,...
- While we were there,...
- the time she arrived,...
- As soon we left,...
- Before that,...
- After listening them,...
- Not long afterwards,...
- In the end,...
- When it was all over,...
- Eventually,...
- Looking back now,...

+ Use phrasal verbs. Complete:

- I bumped a friend
- He looked me up
- It crashed a tree

+ Tips

- Use some direct speech
- Contractions can be used