



**O' Level
Foundation
Week 9**

The Write Tribe

PERSONAL RECOUNT



24. "I didn't expect my friend to react that way at all!" Write about a time when this happened.

Building camaraderie was always something I enjoyed in every project work. It was often an opportunity I looked forward to as ninety percent of schoolwork was individual assignments. Only through group work like project assignments were we able to share our individual creativity and express ourselves, unlike other regular days, working together towards a common goal — the discovery of new knowledge. I find that this helps with teambuilding and forging friendships. However, there was an occasion when I did not expect a good friend of mine to react with **hostility** during one of our group competitions.

It was the first national contemporary art competition commissioned by the Singapore Arts Museum. Our Art teacher decided to enter all the best arts students in the school in the competition, in hopes of **increasing our exposure** with regards to the arts scene. Many other schools would also be sending their finest teams to **vie** for the competition. Brandon and I were extremely thrilled to be entering the competition together, since we had bonded immensely over art to become the best of friends. **To my surprise**, something unexpected happened during the planning for the competition.

The prize for the winning team was **out of this world**. It included a fully-sponsored, three-month internship at a prestigious arts house located in London. We knew that the internship was an **enticing prospect** for aspiring arts students who were hoping to pursue their respective paths in arts. I believe that this became the source of the **bad blood that began to breed ugly bitterness** along the way. Not only did Brandon turn into a character I had never seen before, he became malicious and used **derogatory** language when speaking to us. He wanted the rest of the team to **embrace** his ideas **wholeheartedly** and delegated work to each member without lifting a finger himself.

Once, he even **touted arrogantly**, "This idea will bring us to London! All of you will owe me after this."

I could not have expected Brandon to become the way he did. **Bitter disappointment filled my heart** as I witnessed the transformation of my good friend into an ambitious and self-centred individual who couldn't care less about those around him.

The competition concluded a few weeks later, followed by a fortnight's wait for the results. **Needless to say**, we did not win the competition, and were extremely disappointed. Sadly, this was also the only group in which the members all came out worse off due to the **antagonism** we faced during the journey.

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WRITING ORGANIZER - Recount

Orientation: - *Introduction – Setting the scene.*

Events: - *What happened – in chronological order.*

Conclusion: - *Personal Comment (Optional)*



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