

3 Now read an improved version of the essay. What is different?

It was a cold, snowy day in the mountains. I was skiing along a trail with my brother, Wilson. We were having a great time. It was snowing a little but we didn't mind because we had warm clothes.

Suddenly, the weather changed. It became very windy and the snow became heavier and heavier. Wilson and I decided to go back to our car and drive home. It took us an hour to ski to our car. We both felt very tired and cold.

While I was driving the car, Wilson took a nap. All of a sudden, the car slid on some ice and it crashed into a tree. The car was badly damaged. Wilson called for help but the weather was too bad for anyone to come right away. We had to spend the whole night in the car. It was freezing so I couldn't sleep! Luckily, we had lots of hot coffee and chocolate.

Essay Tip: A simple way to improve essays (both descriptive and narrative ones) is to add another person. It adds variety to the words and sentence patterns and gives you more to write about.

Useful Time Phrases for Telling Stories

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