

Tell an anecdote

Classify the Do's and Don'ts to tell an anecdote

- Take time to think about the question and the story before you start talking.
- Take too long telling the story or your listeners will get bored.
- Use narrative tenses – past simple, past continuous
- Use sequencing words: first of all, then, after that, later on, finally, in the end
- Use a flat or bored voice.
- Say what happened step by step. Use words like so, because and although to connect the actions
- Finish your story or anecdote by saying why it is important to you or why you remember it.
- Look down or look around the room.
- Give the background to your story. Say when and where it took place and what you were doing at that time.

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