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Sample Personal Narrative

Keep an Eye on the Sky!

The writer sets the scene and makes the reader want to read more.

I was in gym class when my teacher suggested we go outside and play softball. As we made our way out to the field, my stomach slowly turned into a giant knot of fear.

The writer gives his or her narrative a title.

The writer describes an experience that happened to him or her.

The writer describes a problem he or she faced.

Softball is just not my game. I have a knack for always getting hit in the head by the ball. It doesn't matter where I'm standing. The ball just seems to find me.

My teammates gave me a glove and put me way out in left field. I didn't complain. I just wanted to make sure I knew when gym class ended so I wouldn't be left behind.

The writer describes his or her feelings about the situation.

The writer gives details to help the reader form a picture of the events.

Nothing happened the first three innings. Well, things happened but not in my little part of the softball field. I started daydreaming. The next thing I knew, I heard the sound of a ball whizzing through the air. I put up my glove to protect my head, and an amazing thing happened. I caught the ball in my glove! Not only did I catch the ball, but I helped my team to win.

The writer describes the events in the order in which they happened.

I was a hero to my classmates for the rest of the day. And I learned something. I may not always see the flying balls that come my way, but I can always take a chance and try to catch one.

The writer ends his or her story by sharing what he or she learned from this experience.