

Recount

Purpose: To retell events.

Structure: Opening - setting the scene, eg *I went to the shop...*
Events - recount of the events as they occurred, eg *I saw a vase...*
Ending - a closing statement, eg *When I got back, I told my mum.*

Features: Past tense
Chronological order, using connectives that signal time, eg *then, next, after, meanwhile, etc.*
First or third person

Writer's Knowledge:

- Details are vital to bring incidents alive.
- Use specific names of people, places, objects, etc.
- Pick out incidents that will amuse, interest or that in some way are significant.
- You can write as if you were *telling the story* of what happened.
- Plan by thinking, noting or drawing - *when? who? where? what? and why?* Use a flow chart to plan the sequence.
- End by commenting on events.