

Unit 10 Personal Recount

Part 1 In-depth Reading



Suggested reading time: 10 mins

Kaka is writing about his most unforgettable experience as a schoolbag monster.

My Most Unforgettable School Day

I will never forget the day when Eddie started Primary 1. That morning, Eddie put me in his schoolbag and decided to take me to school, but he left me behind when he got off the school bus.

It happened on his first day of school. It was the first time Eddie took me with him. When I left home in the morning, I was very happy because I was eager to meet other children. **Making new friends** was so much fun! I was humming songs when the school bus stopped. However, I did not know I was left alone until I heard the school bus driver lock the doors. When I found that I was trapped, I yelled loudly. Sadly, no one could hear me.

Being left behind made me feel scared and upset. Besides, I was **shocked that** Eddie forgot about me!

No one came back to the school bus until half an hour later. It was the school bus driver. He then passed the schoolbag to Eddie. Eddie apologised to me once he saw me. He **was sorry that** he didn't check his belongings before he left. I was angry at first, but Eddie was my best friend and he guaranteed that he would never leave me behind again. Therefore, I forgave him. We went into school together. **Staying in a locked school bus** was a terrible experience. I hope it will never happen again!

Title

Tell readers what the experience was about

Introduction

- Briefly introduce the experience
- State the time and place it happened

Details

Write about what happened in detail in the past tense

Feeling(s)

Tell readers how you felt

Conclusion

- Talk about how it ended
- May end with a lesson learnt
- State what you hope for the future

ABC Choose the Best Answers

- Which of the following may Kaka include in the introduction? **Introduction**
 - A. Hopes for the future
 - B. Details of the experience
 - C. Feelings about the experience
 - D. When the experience took place
- Paragraph 2 is mainly about _____. **Details**
 - A. Kaka forgiving Eddie for his mistake
 - B. how Eddie felt on his first day of school
 - C. what Kaka did on the school bus with Eddie
 - D. what happened to Kaka on the school bus and how he felt

? Fill in the Blanks

- Why did Kaka feel shocked? **Feeling(s)**
Kaka felt shocked _____.
- What does Kaka hope for the future? **Conclusion**
He hopes _____
_____.
- The verb ' _____ ' in the writing means 'promised'. **Word choice**

🔍 Know More about the Structure

Which of the following is / are true about a personal recount? Tick (✓) the correct circles.

6. The writer introduces the experience in the first paragraph.

7. The writer writes about how he / she felt about the experience.

8. There is a climax as the character(s) faced a major problem.

9. It is mainly written in the past tense.

Part 2 Fun Text Grammar



Suggested finishing time: 10 mins

Practical Sentence Patterns

- a** We can use ' **I will never forget the day** + **when** ' to talk about a memorable experience.

A verb in the past form

e.g. I will never forget the day when I received my first prize at school.

Ex. Fifi and Mimi are talking. Complete what they say with 'I will never forget the day...' and the correct form of the words given.



1. _____ when I _____
_____ (meet Smartie in the library).

2. _____
_____ (bake the rainbow sponge cake with Chloe).



- b** We use ' **was / were** + **adjective** + **that** (something happened)' to tell how somebody felt about a particular event or experience.

What happened? Why was Judy happy?

e.g. Judy **was happy** that Danny went shopping with her.

Ex. Complete the sentences with 'was / were...that' and the correct form of the words given.

1. Anna / angry / her brother / break her computer

2. Leo / shocked / Elisa / not keep her promise

3. Jessica and Molly / sad / no one / invite them to the party



Magic Grammar Points

We can put **gerunds** at the beginning of sentences.

subject of the sentence

Planting trees in parks

is

a meaningful experience.



'Planting trees in parks' is regarded as ONE single activity so it takes a singular verb.

Ex. Eddie is talking to Smartie about what he did in Seoul. Complete what they say with the correct form of the verbs given.



: I went to Seoul with my family last summer. It was amazing!



: Oh, wow! How was your trip?



: It was great! ① _____ (fly) on a plane was an interesting experience! When I looked outside the window, I found that we were high up above the clouds! I felt like a bird!



: ② _____ (travel) to other countries is always an enjoyable experience! What did you do in Seoul?



: First, we went to the Seoul Tower. ③ _____ (visit) the Seoul Tower was a joyful time. The view there was amazing! We went all the way up the tower by elevator. ④ _____ (take) the elevator ⑤ _____ (be) fun because the elevator cabinet had special sound and light effects.



: That sounds cool! Did you try any Korean food?



: Yes! We went to a traditional Korean restaurant. ⑥ _____ (eat) Korean meals ⑦ _____ (be) an eye-opening experience to me! I learnt a lot about Korean table manners. There was a band playing Korean folk songs too. ⑧ _____ (listen) to music while enjoying the yummy dishes ⑨ _____ (be) a very relaxing experience!



Part 3 Getting to Write

 Suggested finishing time: 15 mins

Brain Boost

Eddie wants to write about his most memorable experience on Sports Day. Help him complete the mind map below with the correct form of the words given.

sports field	slip and fall	finishing line	embarrassing
Sports Day	scrape	first-aid room	sad

Where was I?

On the _____

What was the experience?

I slipped and _____
my knee in a 100 m race. Luckily, Kaka
took me to the first-aid room.

What happened in the end?

Kaka saw me fall
when he was almost at the _____.

Surprisingly, he flew back
to help me. He took me to the _____.

I felt very grateful!

When did it happen?

Two years ago on _____

**My Most
Memorable
Sports Day**

What happened on
that day?

I took part in the 100 m race with my
best friend Kaka. It was quite challenging
because the track was short. I tried to run
very fast, but I _____
_____ at the end of
the track and hurt my knee.

How did I feel?

I did not win so I felt _____.

Besides, the experience was _____.



Let's Practise

Complete Eddie's personal recount with help of the mind map.

1 _____

Give a title to the writing.

2 _____ I joined a

Start the sentence with 'I will never...'

3 _____ with Kaka in Primary 4. On the

4 _____, I slipped and 5 _____

Where did it happen?

_____ . Luckily, my best friend Kaka came to me and took me to the first-aid room.

Begin the sentence with 'Taking'.

It happened two years ago on Sports Day. That morning, we went to the sports field at 8:30 am. The 100 m race was the first event of the day. 6 _____

How did Eddie feel about losing the race? Include the correct form of 'be'.

was not an easy task because the track was short. Therefore, runners had to run fast to win the race. Once the race began, I ran as fast as I could. Kaka flew at full speed too. Soon, we were almost at the finishing line. However, I 7 _____

Write the correct form of 'fall down'.

suddenly! My knee was hurt and it was bleeding a lot! I felt very bad. I 8 _____ that I lost the race. Besides,

Include the correct form of 'be' and the word 'experience'.

9 _____ at the end of the track

10 _____ !

Why was Eddie surprised? Include the word 'that' to tell the reason.

Kaka saw me and flew back to me immediately. I 11 _____ he returned from 12 _____ . 'I won't leave my best friend behind! Let's go and get some bandages,' he said. I 13 _____

How did Eddie feel about having a great friend? Include 'that' in your answer.

I had such a great friend! I hope our friendship will last forever!