

Writing to Narrate

🎯 Writing to narrate aims to:

- present the development of events
- write from a personal point of view
- engage the reader.

👉 Before Starting:

1. Make sure you have read the task carefully and understand what you are being asked to write about.
2. Think about experiences that you have had (or that you know about) which you could use to answer the task.
3. Try to find an experience that you have plenty to say about.
4. Plan carefully to make sure that you can produce an interesting and engaging piece of writing.

⚠️ Things to avoid:

Don't be tempted to give your reader all of the information they need about your narrative too quickly. You need to control what your reader knows.

If you give out all of the key details about what is going to happen in your opening paragraph then you may shut down the ways in which you can add interesting detail later on.

🗺️ Planning:

Plan

- Use a system that makes most sense to you – e.g. a spider diagram, bullet points, table, notes.
- A plan should be tightly focused – don't waste time writing out full sentences, key words and ideas are all that are needed.

Things to consider

- Key details – what happened and in what order?
- People – who is involved? How are you going to let your reader know key details about them?
- Structure – think about your beginning and how your narrative will end. Are you building to a particular point of interest for the reader?
- Detail - which areas will you develop further to add interest for your reader?

👍 TOP TIP: Be aware of your reader:

For the highest marks you must show you can fully engage the reader's interest.

A narrative is formed by writing down a series of events which aim to interest a reader.

You want to write about people and events in a way that makes your reader care about them. This could happen in a number of ways. For example, they could be interested or amused, horrified or worried.

Develop detail in a way that encourages your reader to care. Don't tell them that they must care, influence them through your development of the content.

? Examples of previous narration questions:

Write an account of a time when you enjoyed or hated taking part in an outdoor activity.

Write an account of time spent in a hospital.

Write an account of a time when you were reluctant to do something.

Write an account of a memorable journey you have made.

💡 Structure:

Using structural features like dialogue and flashbacks can add interest as long as you use them carefully and your writing makes sense.

Checklist for improving your writing:

- ✓ Have you tried to engage your reader?
- ✓ Have you made your reader learn things through implied detail?
- ✓ Have you provided interest by developing detail?
- ✓ Have you structured your work carefully?
- ✓ Have you proof-read your work for errors?