

A NARRATIVE

A narrative is a story about a series of events and the people involved in them. Look at the topic below. Then study the plan and read the model.

TOPIC: Write a narrative about something embarrassing or unusual that happened to you.

PLAN:

MODEL:

My Most Embarrassing Moment

Opening:

sets the scene and introduces the main characters

Last year, I invited my friend to an expensive restaurant in the town centre to celebrate her birthday. We wore our best clothes and felt really special. However, it turned into a very embarrassing evening.

Body:

gives details and the main events leading up to the climax

First of all, when the waiter brought us the menu, it was written in French and neither of us could understand anything. Secondly, there were no prices on the menu! I was so afraid that I wouldn't be able to pay for the meal. I could hardly eat a thing because I was so worried!

At the end of the meal, when I asked for the bill, I saw that I didn't have enough money. I had no choice except to call my parents to come and pay.

Closing:

gives the ending of the story and any consequences

Now I can laugh about it, but at the time I was so embarrassed.

Useful Language

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| Last year / week / month ... | when |
| Two years ago ... | while |
| It was a cold / hot day. | At first, |
| It all began when ... | then |
| Suddenly, | next |
| As soon as ... | later |
| That's when ... | At last, |
| I had planned ... | In the end, |
| I felt ... | Finally, |