

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

Last year / week / month ...

Two years ago ...

It was a cold / hot day.

It all began when ...

Suddenly,

As soon as ...

That's when ...

I had planned ...

I felt ...

when

while

At first,

then

next

later

At last,

In the end,

Finally,