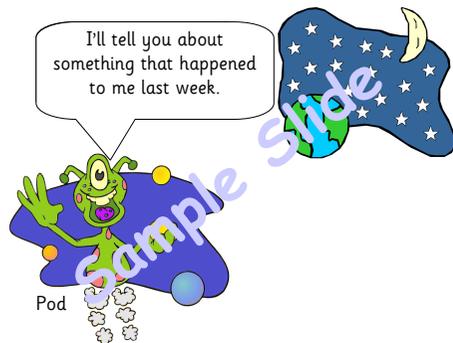


What is a recount?



I'll tell you about something that happened to me last week.



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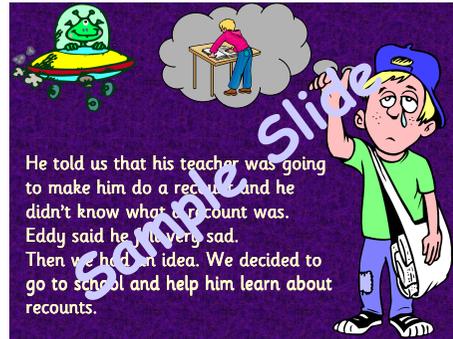
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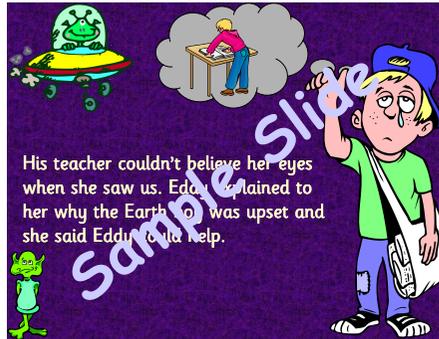
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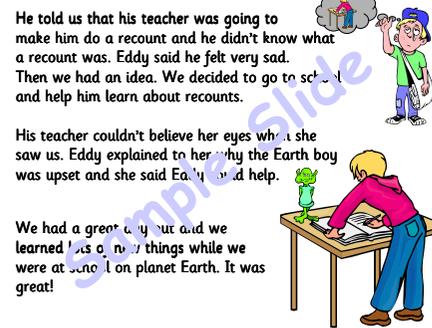
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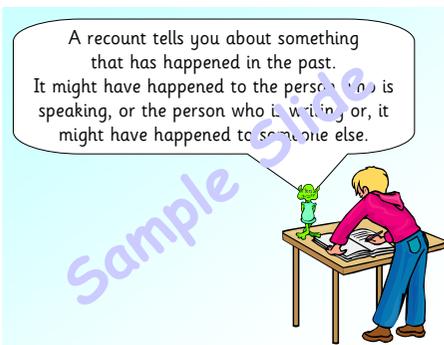
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The little Earth boy told me his name was Tod and then he asked me what I'd learned about recounts. That was easy. Can you guess what I told him?



A recount tells you about something that has happened in the past. It might have happened to the person who is speaking, or the person who is writing it, or it might have happened to someone else.

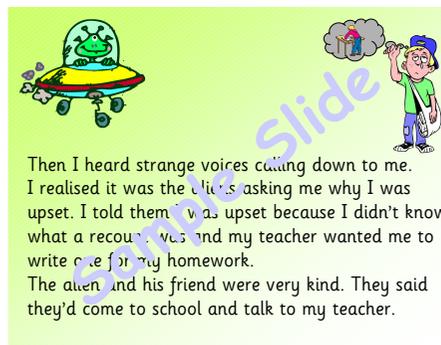


Then Tod showed me what he'd been writing in his book. It was a recount!

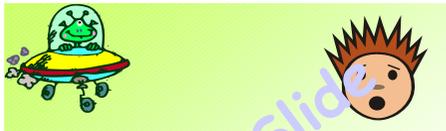


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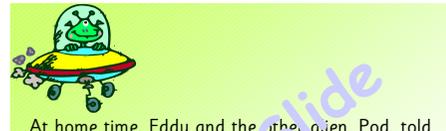
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The next day my teacher had a big shock when I walked in with two aliens! As soon as she saw them her hair stood on end! It was quite funny. Then the aliens told her about my problem and she said that the little one, Eddy, could stay in class and help me.



At home time, Eddy and the other alien, Pod, told me they had to go back to their own planet. They said they'd had a great time learning lots of new things about what life is like on Earth. Finally they told me they'd come back again one day. I hope they do because it was fun being at school with them.

Tod felt very proud because now he knew what a **recount** was and knew what he needed to remember.

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He knew that a **recount** retells something that has already happened in a certain place.



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He knew that a **recount** is often about something he has done or something that happened to him and he knew that he had to use "I" or "we".



What happened?
Who did I see?
When did it happen?
Where?

He knew that a **recount** says...

Who
What
Where
When



When I looked up I saw a spaceship with two aliens looking down at me! Then I heard strange voices calling down to me.

He knew that he had to write everything in the order that it happened so that it was a **sequence of events**.

He also knew that he had to put what happened in time order.



He knew he needed to use special **sequencing words** like.....

- first
- then
- after that
- next
- meanwhile
- finally
- last Monday
- afterwards
- just before that
- later
- as soon as
- meanwhile
- at last

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He knew that he had to write everything in the **past tense** because it was about something that had happened in the past.



As soon as she saw them her hair stood on end!

He knew that he had to make it interesting so he needed to put in some **detail**.



Finally they told me they'd come back again one day. I hope they do because it was fun being at school with them.

And finally he knew that he had to have a good ending.

When he wrote about the day the aliens helped him, he decided to end with a **comment** about what happened.



Now I'll read it through to make sure it all makes sense.

Tod knows another important thing too. Something he needs to do before he says he's finished his **recount**.

Can you guess what he needs to do next?



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Goodbye for now. Just let us know if you need us again.



My recount writing:

- tells my reader about something that has happened
- says 'who, what, when, where'
- is in time order (sequenced)
- has a definite, clear ending
- uses verbs in the past tense (went, played)
- uses time words like 'then, next, after'
- is often about something I did
- often uses 'I' and 'we' (first person)

recount text

A text written to retell for information or entertainment.

A **fictional narrative recount** may consist of scene-setting, a starting point, a problem, account and a conclusion. The language is descriptive, and there may be dialogue. Characters are defined and often named.

A **non-fiction recount** may begin with a scene-setting introduction, and then retell events in chronological order. An example of this type of text would include writing about visits, newspaper accounts of an event or a biography.