

Our Anchor Chart for Recounts

A recount tells about something that has happened in the past.
It is often personal and real, sometimes though it can be fictional.

We've written recounts about:

- Our weekend
- Our fire drill
- Our gym class



**When writing a recount here are our
Must haves:**

- Catchy or snappy title
- An opening sentence that tells the reader what you are writing about.
- Recount words such as First, Next, Then & Finally— as well as On Friday, Yesterday morning, In the meantime, etc...
- Verbs (action words) in the past tense: ~~run~~—ran, ~~stop~~—stopped
- Ideas should be organized (sequenced) in order
- Ideas could be placed in paragraphs
- Detail so reader can visualize your words (early Sunday morning, I ate crisp, delicious bacon for breakfast...etc)
- A closing sentence that explains how I or the person felt about what they were recounting
- W5—who, what, where, when, why
- My work should be SPECO'd—I should check for spelling, punctuation, endings, capitals and omissions.

Example:

My Wonderful Saturday



Last Saturday I had an amazing evening at the National Arts Centre!

First, I went out to dinner with my husband to our favourite restaurant, Chez Nam. We had delicious springrolls and chicken.

Next, we drove downtown and tried very hard to find a parking spot. There were so many people at the National Arts Centre that we had to park very far away and walk. It was beautiful outside, so we didn't mind the walk.

After our walk, we picked up our tickets and proceeded to the Fourth Stage at the National Arts Centre. There, we saw lots of our friends. Our friends had a table waiting for us.

Finally we saw my friend's husband up on stage playing the harmonica and guitar. We saw a show about a country legend. The actors and singers were awesome.

We got home late and went to bed. Our night was magical!