

WRITING A RECOUNT

WORKSHEET 1: FINDING A SUBJECT

As we saw in the lesson, recounts are retellings of something that has happened to you. They are personal stories. But how to find good subjects?

This worksheet gives you a number of leads for finding a subject.

ACTIVITY 1

Read through the following topics until you find one that appeals to you. Then (a) make notes about the topic - just listing the main events, and (b) number the events in chronological (time) order.

- (1) The day I thought I was going to die
- (2) My worst holiday ever
- (3) Accident
- (4) Wedding
- (5) Funeral
- (6) My first day at school
- (7) The craziest pet
- (8) Learning the hard way
- (9) Learning about death
- (10) You must be crazy to do that!

Now, with a partner, talk about the incident, using your notes as a guide. Let them ask questions about the subject. Afterwards, make additional notes, to enrich your notes.

ACTIVITY 2

Now write up the recount in full. Make sure you use paragraphs.

When you are finished, read it aloud to your partner and ask for feedback.