



To: Parents and teachers of Grade 4 - 6 learners

Topic: Personal Recount

Message Objectives: Learners will learn the skill of retelling their experiences

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As part of building back better in education, we encourage parents to assist in consolidating learning at home. Concepts taught at school can be integrated in conversations and interactions at home. Our focus this week is on a **PERSONAL RECOUNT**. Let us assist our children understand how to retell their experiences. It can start with sharing their experiences of the day.

- A personal recount is a piece of writing that records a personal experience. It is also what we do whenever we tell someone about something that happened to us.
- It is simple and informative.
- It is about something that has already happened, so it is usually written in the past tense.
- Because it is someone talking about themselves, it is usually told in the first person 'I'.

Structure

- Orientation: set the scene or establish the context (where and when the experience happened)
- Narration of events: explain what happened in **chronological** order – first, next etc.
Add details, as necessary.
- Reorientation: make a closing statement.

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N.B Make use of Recovery Annual Teaching Plans and Planners and Trackers. They will help you track curriculum coverage and ensure all key concepts are covered. They are available at:
www.nect.org.za/materials.

Reference:

[Resources for teachers — National Education Collaboration Trust \(nect.org.za\)](http://nect.org.za)
[PSRIP IP — National Education Collaboration Trust \(nect.org.za\)](http://nect.org.za)