



Course: English composition 1

Course code: ENGL 101

Topic: Narrative paragraph

Skill: Composition

Purpose - Narrative paragraphs are often used to describe what a person does over a period of time.

Characteristics - While it is true a narrative is a story, there is more in the telling of the story. The narrative, or story, needs to make the reader feel involved, teach a lesson, help get an idea across, or feel emotionally about it. The narrative needs to explain who is in the story, tell what is happening, and when it happened. The topic sentence needs to be clear so the reader knows they are going to learn something from the story. The story itself is written in time, or chronological order, as the events occurred.

Writing Process

Prewrite

1. Focus on controlling idea (It gives the readers a map of the essay's territory)
2. Support the main point with an incident (Tell about a recent experience or incident you witnessed that left a strong impression on you.)
3. Give background information (the beginning of your research is especially important if you are unfamiliar with the subject area, or not sure from what angle to approach your topic)
4. Organize events in chronological order (chronological order is a method of organization in which actions or events are presented as they occur (or occurred) in time)

Un párrafo narrativo debe explicar es suceso de forma cronológica, con todos los detalles posibles para que el lector pueda visualizar la experiencia.

Draft - A draft is constructed with an introduction, thesis statement (tells the reader how you will interpret the significance of the subject matter under discussion), body, and conclusion. The first draft does not have to be perfect. It is a work-in-progress.

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Revise and **edit** - Revision literally means to “see again,” to look at something from a fresh, critical perspective. It is an ongoing process of rethinking the paper: reconsidering your arguments, reviewing your evidence, refining your purpose, reorganizing your presentation, reviving stale prose.

Edit means to check spelling, check grammar, look for better words, and avoid repetition.

Point of view:

First or third person narration

First-person narrator

The narrator tells the story from his / her point of view (I). It is a limited point of view as the reader will only know what the narrator knows. The advantage of the first person narration is that the narrator shares his / her personal experiences and secrets with the reader so that the reader feels part of the story.

Example:

- Charlotte Bronte: Jane Eyre

Third-person narrator

The narrator is not part of the plot and tells the story in the third person (he, she). Usually the narrator is all-knowing (omniscient narrator): he / she can switch from one scene to another, but also focus on a single character from time to time.

Examples:**Peddling On My Own**

Learning how to ride a bike for the first time was a nerve racking independent moment. I was about five years old when my sister informed me that I was too old to still be riding a bike with training wheels. That was the time I decided not to depend on them anymore. Even though I had some doubt, my sister and I went outside and started to take the little wheels off my bike. After my bike went through the transformation, I was now ready for the big moment. With butterflies in my stomach, I slowly got on the bike, and with my shaky hands, I gripped the handles tightly. Meanwhile my sister was holding on to me to help keep my balance. I was so afraid she would let go, yet I was determined to ride this bike on my own. Next with a little push from her, I started to peddle. The faster my bike went the faster my heart raced. Finally I looked back nervously and noticed that my sister let go of my bike a long time ago. I was so excited that I accomplished freedom on my bike that I forgot to peddle. The next step I remember, I was lying on the ground, yet I did not care because of the adrenaline rush. I will never forget the exhilarating moment and growing up stage of riding a bike without training wheels

Web resources:

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Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwA2lc6psio>

References:

<https://www.scribd.com/doc/40700868>

<https://goalbookapp.com/toolkit/goal/narrative-with-point-of-view>