# Does your Recount have the following?

**Structure:**

* A title
* Orientation or background details (WHEN was this, WHAT did you do, WHERE were you, WHO was there, WHY were you there, HOW did you get there?)
* Chronological order words (first, next, then, after that, finally, etc)
* Personal evaluation (your thoughts & feelings about the events and how they affected you, or what you’ve learned from this situation)
* Conclusion and/or reorientation (linking back to the start)

**Purpose:**

* Audience – is it clear who you’re writing this for? E.g. have you used any slang terms? Have you addressed the reader – e.g. “you won’t believe… if you think about it…”
* Is the subject or point of the recount clear?

**Language Features:**

* 1st person point of view (‘I, me, we’)
* Past tense (‘I was, I felt, I said’ – NOT ‘I am, I feel, I say’)
* Descriptive words, adjectives or adverbs (e.g. dazzling, repulsive, swiftly)
* Verbs (action words e.g. running, throwing, gliding)
* Proper punctuation, full stops and capitalisation
* Dialogue or quotes (e.g. “Hey, stop!” I shouted.)

**BONUS features to add for extra points:**

* Similes (e.g. “his face was **as red as** the setting sun”)
* Metaphors (e.g. “the lake **was** a shining mirror.”)
* Suspense (making the reader wonder what happened next)
* Interesting characters
* Incorporate some vocab words