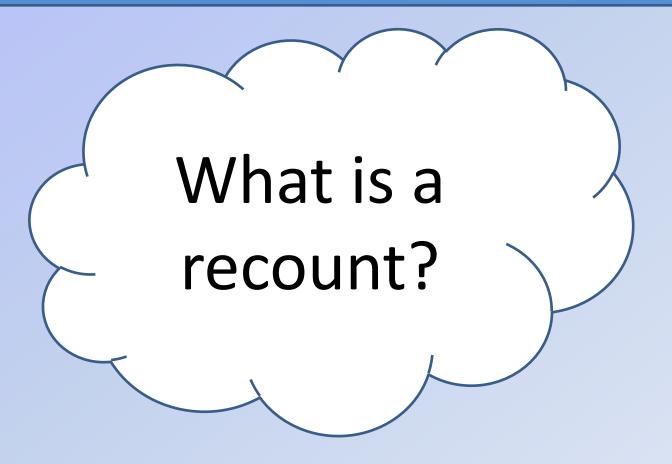
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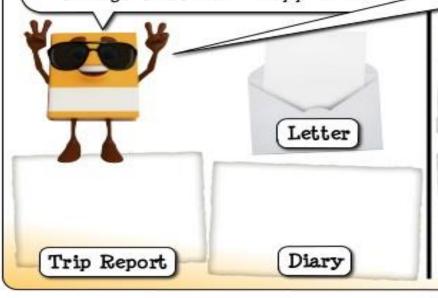


Types of recounts.

Personal or Impersonal

Personal recounts are usually written to tell people who you know, or remind yourself, about things that have happened.

Impersonal recounts may be written to tell a more general audience (who the author doesn't know) about an event.



Biography

Newspaper
Article

Sports Report

Magazine
Article

Sports Report

Can you think of any others?

What is the purpose of a recount?

A **recount** is the retelling or **recounting** of an event or a experience. Often based on the direct experience of the writer, the purpose is to tell what happened.

Recount or Not a Recount?

Percy stepped through the magic doorway. As the orange light flowed over his body, he felt himself being transported to Calbora, the distant planet he had come to know so well.

NOT A RECOUNT

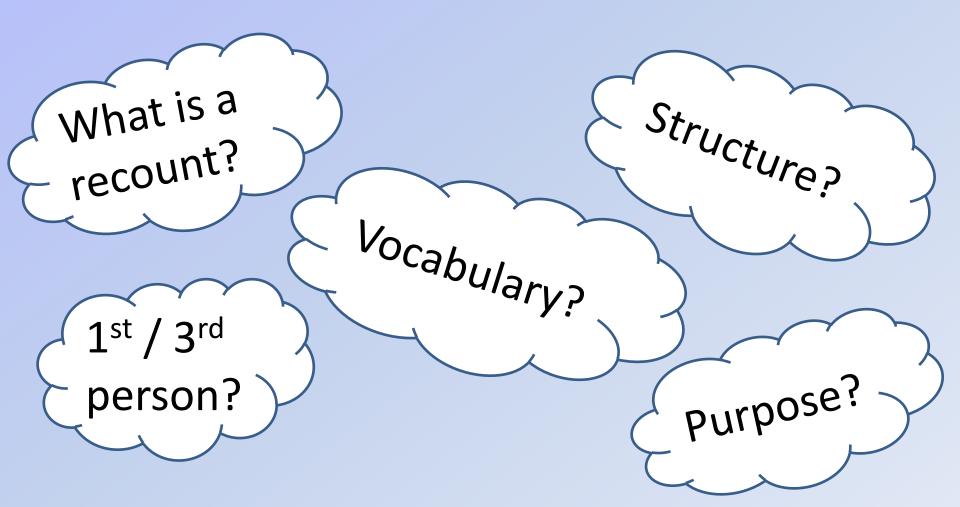
How do you know?

Recount or Not a Recount?

It was a cold and rainy when I woke up on Saturday, but it didn't matter – we were going to Disneyland! Well, we wouldn't be there until the next day, but my Mum, Dad, brother and I couldn't wait. Half an hour later, after breakfast, Dad started to pack the car. **RECOUNT**

How do you know?

What did you notice about the recount?



Features

Chronological order – sequential words: Then, later, next, ten minutes later, after that

Usually first person, sometimes third person.

Past tense

Descriptive language

Introduction...details...conclusion

The five W's

Your Task Choose one of the recounts and identify the features.



First person

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