

Friday 9th July 2021

Can you write an autobiography?




Take a look at the poster about features of an autobiography.



Features of an Autobiography

Purpose:
To give an account of your life so far.

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| Tense: <ul style="list-style-type: none">written in the past tenseClosing statements may use present/future tense | Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Opens with an attention-grabbing introduction to make the audience want to read on.Events are written in chronological order.Early memories, family, home and influences help to make sense of events which happen later.Factual anecdotal writing - telling a story.Includes relevant photos with captions for interest.Closing statements include comments on your life now, reflections on some key events, hopes for the future. | | | |
| Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">positive and negative experiences and how they shaped your lifebeliefs, values, feelings and opinions | Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">precise dates and locationsnamed individuals who have influenced youachievements and experiences | Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adverbials:<ul style="list-style-type: none">accordinglyconsequentlythereforehenceas a result | Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Time connectives:<ul style="list-style-type: none">then, after that, this, firstly, whenever, in the end, on another occasion | Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adverbials of time, place, number:<ul style="list-style-type: none">later, that year, nearby, opposite, often, always |



Create a plan to record the key events of your life so far. Next, write up and illustrate your autobiography.

Autobiography Planning Sheet

Remember to include:

- First person (I, my, we)
- Adverbials (e.g. accordingly, consequently, therefore, hence, as a result)
- Time conjunctions (e.g. then, firstly, whenever, in the end, on another occasion)

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| Title: | |
| Introduction: An attention-grabbing introduction to make the audience want to read on. | |
| Life events in chronological order: written in past tense. You might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the names of individuals and places;• dates for specific events;• early memories and influences;• beliefs and values;• emotions and opinions;• achievements. | |
| Closing statement: written in present or perfect tense. You might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reflections on key events;• comments on your life now;• your hopes for the future. | |