

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2

Text Structure - Recount

Orientation - introduces a setting, and main characters involved in events

Record of events

Reorientation

Evaluation

MY PICNIC

On Sunday my family went to the park near the Avon River. We had a barbecue and it was delicious. After that we had a swim and then we were tired so we slept.

When we woke up I played soccer with my brother and my father. My Mum and my sisters went for a walk through the flower gardens. Then I rode my skateboard and fell off. I didn't get hurt, but my sisters laughed at me. Mum bought some icecreams at the kiosk.

At about 6pm we went down to the river to see the boats. They were practising for the Dragon Boat competition.

Finally at 7pm my family and I drove home. That night we slept well after a very good day.

Language Features

Use of nouns to name people, places, things, e.g. park, family, barbecue

Use of adjectives to describe, e.g. delicious, tired

Use of conjunctions to sequence events in time, e.g. finally, after

Use of action verbs, e.g. went, played, fell

Use of past tense, e.g. drove, slept, went

Use of adverbial phrases to locate in time and place, e.g. near the Avon River, at about 6pm

Use of compound sentences, e.g. We had a barbecue and it was delicious.