

ENGLISH · Y2

Personal Recount — Year 2

WAGOLL: My First Day at School

The Model Text

MY FIRST DAY AT BIG SCHOOL Last September, I started Year 1 at Oakwood Primary School. I felt very excited but also a little bit nervous. First, my mum walked me to the school gate. I was wearing my new uniform and shiny black shoes. The shoes felt stiff and they squeaked when I walked. Next, my new teacher, Mrs Khan, came to meet our class. She had a kind smile. She showed us where to put our coats and bags. Then, we sat on the carpet for our first story. Mrs Khan read 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. It was funny and I laughed when the tiger drank all the water. After that, we had break time. I made a new friend called Jack. We played on the climbing frame together. Finally, when mum came to pick me up, I felt happy. School wasn't scary at all. I couldn't wait to go back the next day.

Notated features

What makes this a strong Y2 personal

- FIRST PERSON: 'I,' 'my,' 'we' — recounts are about you
- PAST TENSE: 'started,' 'walked,' 'showed' — it has already happened
- TIME CONNECTIVES: 'First,' 'Next,' 'Then,' 'After that,' 'Finally'
- SPECIFIC DETAILS: 'shiny black shoes,' 'kind smile' — makes it real
- FEELINGS: 'excited,' 'nervous,' 'happy' — Y2 marker
- SENSES: 'stiff,' 'squeaked' — makes the shoes feel real
- PROPER NOUNS WITH CAPITALS: 'Oakwood Primary,' 'Mrs Khan,' 'Jack'





REFLECTION at the end: how I felt afterwards

Writing prompt

Write your own personal recount about a 'first time' day. It could be: your first day at this school, the first time you slept over at a friend's, the first time you tried a new sport, or a first family holiday. Use: first person ('I'), past tense, three time connectives ('First,' 'Next,' 'Finally'), at least two feeling words, and one sentence describing what something looked, felt or sounded like.

