Personal Narrative

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **personal narrative** is a **true** story about something that happened to **you**. Write with **I** and **me**, tell events in order, and share how you **felt**.

Small moment ideas: losing a tooth · learning to ride a bike · a first sleepover · a surprise



1. Small moment or big topic?

A good personal narrative tells about one small moment. Circle the best topic.

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(a) My whole summer
(b) The moment I lost my first tooth
(c) All my birthdays

2. Which topic is a small moment?

(a) The day my dog got lost in the rain
(b) Everything about my family
(c) My life so far

3. Which sentence shows a feeling?

(a) My hands shook as I stepped onto the stage.
(b) The stage was in the gym.
(c) It was a Tuesday.

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2. Plan your small moment

Choose one small moment. Plan it in time order.

My small moment

First

Next

Then

Last, and how I felt

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3. Write your personal narrative

Use I and me. Tell what happened and how you felt.

Write the true story of your small moment. Start with a sentence that grabs the reader.

Check: ☐ True and about me ☐ One small moment ☐ Events in order ☐ Feelings ☐ Strong ending

Answer Key

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Sample notes. Answers will vary.

My small moment

learning to ride my bike without training wheels

First

Dad took off my training wheels. I felt nervous.

Next

I wobbled and fell into the grass twice.

Then

Dad let go and I kept pedalling!

Last, and how I felt

I rode to the end of the street. I felt proud and free.

Model Answer

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3. Write your personal narrative

A model answer to share with students. Their writing will be different.

"Ready?" Dad asked, holding up my training wheels. My stomach did a flip. I climbed onto my bike and gripped the handles so tightly that my fingers turned white.

The first time I tried, I wobbled and tipped into the grass. The second time, I fell again. Then Dad held the back of my seat and ran beside me. Suddenly, I realized his hand was gone, and I was still going!

I pedalled all the way to the end of the street. When I turned around, Dad was cheering. I felt proud, brave and free.