

Reporting on a Topic or Telling a Story

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Quick Review

When you report or tell a story aloud, plan it. Speak in COMPLETE SENTENCES. Include details, use a clear voice, and tell things in order (especially if it's a story).

PRACTICE

Pick or write the BEST answer.

- Which is a COMPLETE sentence to start a talk?
 - Camping.
 - Last weekend, my family went camping in the mountains.
 - Camping is fun and we go.
 - Went camping with.
- Which detail BEST belongs in a talk about a family trip?
 - a place you went and one thing you did there
 - the spelling of every word you'll use
 - the color of your shoes
 - the temperature in another country
- Why is it helpful to SPEAK in complete sentences?
 - it makes you sound robotic
 - listeners can follow your idea more easily
 - you can talk faster than usual
 - you don't need to think about your topic
- Which is a GOOD ORDER for a short story you tell out loud?
 - middle, beginning, end, end
 - beginning, middle, end
 - end, middle, beginning
 - details only, no order
- When you give a report about an animal, what should you do BEFORE speaking?
 - practice your sentences and bring notes if needed
 - speak as soon as the teacher calls you
 - memorize a different topic
 - skip planning



6. Which detail makes a story EASIER to picture?
 - A. “We did stuff.”
 - B. “At sunset, I saw three deer at the edge of the field.”
 - C. “It was a day.”
 - D. “Stuff happened then.”
7. What should your VOICE do when telling a story?
 - A. stay completely flat
 - B. use natural changes — soft, excited, calm — to match the moment
 - C. go faster and faster the whole time
 - D. be as loud as possible
8. What if you FORGET a detail in the middle of a talk?
 - A. stop and walk away
 - B. pause, think, and continue with the next point
 - C. make up something untrue
 - D. yell at the audience
9. Which sentence shows you are TALKING IN ORDER?
 - A. First, we packed the tent. Next, we hiked to the lake. Finally, we made dinner.
 - B. We made dinner. We packed the tent. We hiked.
 - C. Tent. Hike. Dinner.
 - D. Lake first dinner packed.
10. Plan a short TALK about a fun day. Write THREE sentences in order: beginning, middle, end.



Answer Keys

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Explanations	
1. B	B has a subject, verb, and clear meaning. A is one word; C is incomplete; D is a fragment.
2. A	Place + activity = useful detail. The others are off-topic.
3. B	Full sentences are clearer. The others are not why we use them.
4. B	Stories follow time order. The others scramble the events.
5. A	Plan and practice. The others lead to confusion.
6. B	Specific details help picturing. The others are vague.
7. B	Match tone to the moment. The others harm understanding.
8. B	Pause and move forward. The others are not helpful.
9. A	A uses sequence words. The others lose order.
10.	Answer: Example: Beginning — Last Saturday, my dad and I rode our bikes to the park. Middle — We found a hill that was great for racing. End — We came home tired but laughing. Any three sentences with clear beginning–middle–end.



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