

First (FCE) - Writing an Article - Using Anecdotes

A. Read the article topics below. Can you think of a personal experience for each one? If not, invent one! Remember, in an exam, the examiners will never know.

Article topics:

- A memorable holiday
- A special object
- How to spend the weekend in your city or town
- The best advice you've been given
- How technology is changing our hobbies

B. Each sentence below contains one grammar or vocabulary mistake in its use of anecdote-introducing language. Find the mistake and correct it.

1. I'll always remembering the first time I arrived in Krakow.
2. It started all when I met my friend for coffee for the first time.
3. Once, I had a unforgettable time with all my family.
4. A memory moment for me was when I fell off my bike in front of my friends.
5. I remember clearly the day when she did she help me with a big problem.
6. One my most memorable experiences was when my mum told me the truth about Santa.
7. I once found me in a situation where I had to choose between my friends and family.
8. Look back, I can see how important it was that she chose to give me her necklace.

C. Write your own short anecdote with one topic from A. Use the (corrected) language from B.

ANSWER KEY

A. Answers will vary

B.

1. I'll always *remember* the first time I arrived in Krakow.
2. It *all started* when I met my friend for coffee for the first time.
3. Once, I had an unforgettable time with all my family.
4. A *memorable* moment for me was when I fell off my bike in front of my friends.
5. I remember clearly the day when she *helped* me with a big problem.
6. One *of* my most memorable experiences was when my mum told me the truth about Santa.
7. I once found *myself* in a situation where I had to choose between my friends and family.
8. *Looking* back, I can see how important it was that she chose to give me her necklace.

C. Sample answer

I clearly remember the day when I bought my first camera. It all started when I realised I wanted to capture the beauty of the places I visited. A memorable moment for me was when I took my first picture at sunrise, and it turned out just as I had hoped. Looking back, that purchase opened a new way of looking at the world and helped me appreciate the details of everyday life.