

Premium English Coaching

Lesson:

How to Tell a Story in English (Step-by-Step Method)

Objective:

At the end of the lesson, the learner will be able to **tell a clear story about an event, experience, or situation in English.**

The 5-Step Storytelling Method

Teach your student to always follow this order.

Step 1 → Context

Step 2 → Beginning of the event

Step 3 → What happened next

Step 4 → The result / outcome

Step 5 → Feelings or conclusion

Step 1 — Give the Context

Start by answering **Where? When? With who?**

Useful expressions:

- Last week
- Yesterday
- Two days ago
- Last year
- When I was in...

Example:

Last weekend, I went to the beach with two of my friends.

Another example:

Two days ago, I had an important meeting at work.

Step 2 — Explain the Beginning

Explain **what started the situation**.

Useful connectors:

- **First**
- **At the beginning**
- **Initially**

✚ Example:

First, we arrived early in the morning and the weather was beautiful.

Another example:

First, my manager asked me to present a report to the team.

Step 3 — Describe What Happened Next

Explain **the sequence of events**.

Useful connectors:

- **Then**
- **After that**
- **Later**

✚ Example:

Then we started swimming and playing football on the beach.
After that, we decided to eat at a small restaurant.

Another example:

Then I explained the results of the project.
After that, my colleagues asked several questions.

Step 4 — Explain the Result

Explain **what happened at the end**.

Useful connectors:

- **Finally**
- **In the end**
- **Eventually**

 Example:

Finally, we returned home in the evening because we were very tired.

Another example:

In the end, my manager was very satisfied with my presentation.

Step 5 — Add Your Feelings or Conclusion

A good story often ends with a **reaction or lesson**.

Useful expressions:

- It was a great experience.
- I learned a lot.
- It was very funny.
- I was very happy.

 Example:

It was a wonderful day and I really enjoyed it.

Another example:

I was very proud of myself after the presentation.

Nb: to give a particular reference which is not clear in your mind you can say:

It is like : c'est comme si / c'est du genre

Like : genrrre

It was like : c'était du genre

Full Example Using the 5 Steps

Last weekend, I went to the beach with two friends.
First, we arrived early in the morning and the weather was perfect.
Then we swam and played football on the sand. After that, we had lunch in a small restaurant.
Finally, we returned home in the evening.
It was a great day and I really enjoyed it.

Guided Speaking Practice

Ask your student to follow **the same 5 steps**.

Topic 1

Tell me about your last weekend.

1. Context
 2. Beginning
 3. What happened next
 4. Result
 5. Feelings
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Topic 2

Tell me about a memorable day in your life.

Topic 3

Tell me about a problem you solved at work.

Repetition Exercise (Very Effective)

Repeat the structure using these connectors:

Last... → First → Then → After that → Finally → I felt...

Example model:

Last week...

First...

Then...

After that...

Finally...

I felt...