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Red - Planning framework to support you. Try using the below example as a way to start your recount. Remember to use past tense when writing your recount!

Dear Diary,

When I woke up this morning, I thought it would be just another ordinary day. My day started as normal, I ate my breakfast, got dressed, and went to school. I felt...

Structure	Content	Tips
Opening	How did your day start? What happened/what did you do?	One seemingly ordinary day... Yesterday, I... First thing in the morning, I...
Feelings	How did you start off by feeling?	I felt... Happy, excited, tired
Problem	Something happens that makes a problem (get lost/trapped, something is lost, hurt) How did you feel when this happened?	Suddenly/However Unfortunately... Worried, confused, lost, upset, scared
Resolution	What happens to solve the problem? How did this make you feel?	Luckily/surprisingly I found... I felt... Relieved, over the moon, grateful

Yellow - Planning framework to support you. Remember to use past tense when writing your recount!

Structure	Content	Tips
Opening	<p>How did your day start?</p> <p>What happened/what did you do?</p>	<p>One seemingly ordinary day...</p> <p>Yesterday, I...</p> <p>First thing in the morning, I...</p>
Feelings	<p>How did you start off by feeling?</p>	<p>I felt...</p> <p>Happy</p> <p>Excited</p> <p>Tired</p>
Problem	<p>Something happens that makes a problem (get lost/trapped, something is lost, hurt)</p> <p>How did you feel when this happened?</p>	<p>Suddenly/However</p> <p>Unfortunately...</p>
Resolution	<p>What happens to solve the problem?</p> <p>(someone else helps, an object is found etc)</p> <p>How did this make you feel?</p>	<p>Luckily/surprisingly</p> <p>I found...</p> <p>I felt...</p>

Green - Planning framework to support you. Remember to use past tense when writing your recount!

Structure	Content	Tips
Opening	How did your day start? What happened/what did you do?	
Feelings	How did you start off by feeling?	
Problem	Something happens that makes a problem (get lost/trapped, something is lost, hurt) How did you feel when this happened?	
Resolution	What happens to solve the problem? (someone else helps, an object is found etc) How did this make you feel?	

Abandoned

It was a dark, cold and eerie night. In the distance, the moon hid behind the misty, slate-grey clouds which cast strange shadows on the pavements below. As the wind brushed the trees, the fog gently rose to meet the night sky. Sam shivered as he slowly continued his walk towards the bottom of the lane. He was just passing Mr Horley's crooked, old house when he noticed a faint light flickering in the window. All of a sudden, he froze.

Sam knew that no one had lived in the house for years. No one had lived there since Mr Horley went missing. No one had been back inside since that day. He had walked past the abandoned house every week for at least two years and there had never been anybody there before. Cautiously, he crouched down and pulled Toby closer to him so that he could get a better look. He could only see the light. It was some sort of lantern and someone inside was waving it back and forth as if they were signalling something. Unexpectedly, the lantern went out and he heard the loud sound of breaking glass ...

He ran faster than he ever had before. Sprinting and spluttering, Sam eventually found his way back to the comfort and safety of his home. As he turned around to catch his breath, his heart sank and his mouth dropped wide open. Where was Toby? "Toby! Where are you?" he screamed while his bulging eyes scanned the darkness surrounding him. Sam fell to his knees and immediately threw his face into his hands. Tears streamed down his face. "I have to find him," he wept, "I have to get him back." The minutes felt like hours, the hours felt like days. Around him, everything whirled past but it was like his world had stopped moving. Through the misty skies everything seemed more upsetting. Sam couldn't stop worrying at the thought of Toby. Where could he be hiding?

After searching all day but not having any luck, Sam retreated back home for dinner. Later that evening, he tiptoed out of his home, crept down the lane and back up to the derelict house. As he approached the dark, decrepit dwelling, he heard a crack and a snuffle. Nervously, Sam directed his torch over the shaking shrubs. He

couldn't believe his eyes! Before he knew it, Toby excitedly galloped towards him, knocked him to the floor, and lovingly licked his face. "Oh Toby!", Sam said with sheer delight, "I am so pleased to have finally found you!".

The pair gleefully galloped back home, eager to share the news with Sam's mother. Sam had never been so terrified, losing his very best friend was his ultimate nightmare. He had to keep reminding himself that they were reunited. With a sigh of relief, both Sam and Toby collapsed into bed and wrapped themselves in blankets. Smiling towards each other, they made a silent promise to never leave one another again.

Year 4 Writing objectives:

<u>Year 4 Writing objectives</u>	<u>Me</u>	<u>CT</u>
*I have used capital letters and full stops		
I have used paragraphs		
I have described the setting		
I have described the characters		
I have used subheadings		
I have used a wide range of conjunctions		
I have used the present perfect form of verbs		
I have used pronouns		
I have used fronted adverbials with commas		
I have used adverbs		
I have used prepositions		
I have used inverted commas		
I have used possessive apostrophes		
I have used legible and joined handwriting		