

SAMPLE PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Keep an Eye on the Sky!

I was in gym class when my teacher suggested we go outside and play softball. As we made our way out to the field, my stomach slowly turned into a giant knot of fear.

The writer sets the scene and makes the reader want to read more.

Softball is just not my game. I have a knack for always getting hit in the head by the ball. It doesn't matter where I'm standing. The ball just seems to find me.

The writer describes a problem he or she faced.

My teammates gave me a glove and put me way out in left field. I didn't complain. I just wanted to make sure I knew when gym class ended so I wouldn't be left behind.

The writer describes his or her feelings about the situation.

Nothing happened the first three innings. Well, things happened but not in my little part of the softball field. I started daydreaming. The next thing I knew, I heard the sound of a ball whizzing through the air. I put up my glove to protect my head, and an amazing thing happened. I caught the ball in my glove! Not only did I catch the ball, but I helped my team to win.

The writer gives details to help the reader form a picture of the events.

I was a hero to my classmates for the rest of the day. And I learned something. I may not always see the flying balls that come my way, but I can always take a chance and try to catch one.

The writer ends his or her story by sharing what learned from he or she this experience.