

# Vocab for Recount Prompts

## 1. Experience

- To live through something or a set of moments
- *I **experienced** a lot of happiness in my childhood.*

## 2. Lesson

- Something learned
- *Although the experience was difficult, it taught me many valuable **lessons**.*

## 3. Moment

- A specific period in your life
- *Receiving the award for best research paper was one of the most important **moments** in my life.*

## 4. Comfort zone

- What we are comfortable doing
- *The experience pushed me out of my **comfort zone**.*

## 5. Challenging

- Difficult
- *Climbing Mount Everest is a **challenging** experience.*

## 6. Rewarding

- Providing satisfaction
- *Although climbing Mount Everest was challenging, it was **rewarding** as well.*

## 7. Beneficial

- Had benefits
- *Although going on a diet was a challenging experience, it was ultimately **beneficial** for my health.*

## 8. Enriching

- Beneficial
- *Learning a second language can be an **enriching** experience.*

## 9. Unforgettable

- So great that you can't forget it
- *Traveling to Athens and seeing the Acropolis was an **unforgettable** experience.*

## 10. Transformative

- It completely changed you.
- *Learning a new language and studying abroad in Cameroon was a **transformative** experience.*

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## 11. First

- **First**, I woke up.

## 13. Then

- We went to the park, **then** we went to the restaurant.
- We drove to the grocery store, **then** we bought groceries.
- First, I woke up. **Then**, I brushed my teeth.

## 14. Next

- First, I woke up. **Next**, I brushed my teeth.

## 15. After that

- First, I woke up. **After that**, I brushed my teeth.

## 16. Ultimately

- "In the end"
- There were a lot of options for our summer vacation. **Ultimately**, we decided to go to San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- I loved to read when I was young. **Ultimately**, I decided to study literature in university.

## 17. In retrospect

- "Looking back"
- I did poorly on the exam. **In retrospect**, I should have studied more.
- Although the experience was certainly very challenging, **in retrospect** it taught me a lot and I'm a better person because of it.

## 18. This experience taught me that...

- **This experience taught me that** I needed to prepare better for important exams.

## 19. Since I went through that experience, I have...

- **Since I went through that experience, I have** been more careful with investing money.

## 20. Compared to before, I am more/less...

- **Compared to before, I am more** serious about my studies.