

# Features of an Autobiography

## Purpose:

To give an account of your life so far

## Tense:

written in the past tense

closing statements may use  
present/future tense



## Include:

positive and negative  
experiences and how they  
shaped your life

beliefs, values, feelings and  
opinions

## Structure:

Opens with an **attention-grabbing** introduction to make the audience want to read on

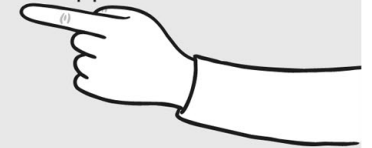
Events are written in **chronological order**

Early memories, family, home and influences help to make sense of events which happen later

Factual **anecdotal** writing - telling a story

Includes relevant photos with captions for interest

Closing statements include comments on your life now, reflections on some key events, hopes for the future



## Include:

precise dates and  
locations

named individuals who  
have influenced you

achievements and  
experiences

## Include:

**adverbials of time,  
place, number**

later, that year, nearby,  
opposite, often, always

## Include:

**time connectives**

then, after that, this,  
firstly, whenever, in the  
end, on another  
occasion

## Include:

**adverbials**  
accordingly  
consequently  
therefore  
hence  
as a result

