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1. Read the anecdote then complete this chart



Abstract (Introduction)	<i>One day, I was really hurt.</i>
Orientation (What, when, where, and who?)	<i>The fqih asked the pupils to bring 5 dirhams</i> ^(what)
Complicating action (What happened?)
Resolution (What happened later?)	<i>The kid's lie and</i>
Evaluation (Lessons learned?)
Linking words and expressions for sequence	<i>One day,</i>,,,

2. Write your anecdote. You can follow this guiding outline.

- Mention if your anecdote is an accident, mishap or a funny incident? (One day, I was terribly hurt. / I laughed that I shed tears/I had a terrible afternoon)
- When and where was that?
- Who was there with you?
- What happened? What happened later?
- Did you learn any lesson from that?

Check if:

- the verbs are the past;
- the linking words are used appropriately;
- there is correct punctuation and spelling;
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