

## Severe Weather

Read the Writing in Science feature in your textbook.



### Write About It

**Narrative Writing** Write a personal narrative about a storm, mudslide, or other severe weather condition that you have experienced. Use a clear sequence of events to tell what happened and what you did.

### Planning and Organizing

Chronological order, or time order, is the order in which events occur from first to last. It's a good way to organize a personal narrative. Help Cody organize her narrative. Number her sentences to show time order. Write 1 by the sentence that should come first, 2 by the sentence that should come next, and so on. The last sentence should be numbered 4.

1. Next the clouds seemed to open and heavy snow began falling. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The blowing snow combined with the falling snow to create a ferocious storm. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Then, the sky began to darken as heavy clouds formed. \_\_\_\_\_
4. At first, it seemed a beautiful day on the mountain. \_\_\_\_\_

Now write five sentences you could use in your own personal narrative. Arrange them in chronological order.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Now write your first draft on a separate sheet of paper. Tell the events in chronological order. Use the details to describe the setting and bring the events alive for the reader. End with a satisfying conclusion.

### Revising and Proofreading

Here are sentences from Cody's personal narrative. She used too many short, choppy sentences. Combine them to make her writing stronger.

1. During a blizzard, there are high winds. There is also driving snow.

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2. Often, you can't see anything for up to a quarter of a mile. This condition can last for over three hours.

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3. The sky began to darken. The winds began to blow. It all happened suddenly.

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Now revise and proofread your own narrative. Ask yourself:

- Have I used the "I" point of view throughout?
- Have I used adjectives or verbs that make my description of the setting vivid?
- Have I organized my sentences in time order?
- Have I combined any short, choppy sentences?
- Have I corrected any grammar problems?
- Have I corrected any spelling, capitalization, and punctuation problems?