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| **Lesson Title:** Oral Description of an Incident | | **Theme:** Listening and Speaking | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-115 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcomes**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to:  1. Describe an incident to an audience.  2. Use adjectives in your description. | | | |

**Overview**

An **incident** is an event or occurrence. It can be big or small, good or bad, intentional or unintentional. Here are some examples:

* A bank robbery
* A funny or controversial situation
* An argument between two people
* A house catching fire
* A car hitting another car

When we tell a story about an incident, people should want to hear how the story ends. Telling personal stories of what we saw or experienced can be very interesting. For example, you could describe a time in your life when you learned a lesson or a time during the rains that you will never forget.

When describing an incident, you first say:

* Where the incident happened
* When it happened
* What the exact incident was

Then, you explain how it happened:

* What you saw
* Who you saw
* Other details

Last, you say how the incident ended and what you learned.

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Write a short composition describing an incident that taught you a lesson. Remember to follow the order described in the overview.

**Activity 2**

Tell a friend or family member about the incident you wrote about in Activity 1.

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**Activity 1**

Example composition:

An Incident that Taught Me a Lesson

I had a terrible argument with my best friend. It was the worst fight we ever had. It is an incident that I will never forget because I learned an invaluable lesson from it.

It happened when we were in JSS 2. My best friend had borrowed my exercise book a week earlier, and she had promised to return it that day. Well, she forgot to return it.

My teacher was so strict that she would punish those who did not have their books with them in class. Because I did not have my book, she punished me, and I was very angry with my best friend. I shouted at her, saying, ‘You are a very selfish girl and I hate you’. As soon as I said the words I regretted them, but it was too late. She cried and ran away. She did not talk to me for two weeks until I apologised to her. She might have held on to my book, but what I said to her was mean and I regretted saying it.

From that day, I learned an important lesson about anger. When you are angry, it is better to keep calm and say nothing. I should have listened to her side of the story before I shouted at her.