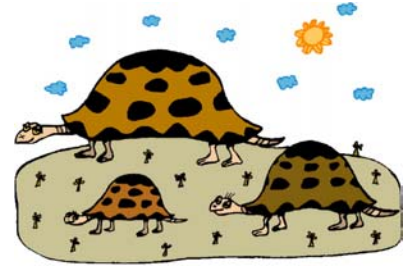




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Tell a Humorous Anecdote

Anecdotes are short stories, often about personal experiences, that are interesting or entertaining. Read the anecdote below and think about the notes in the margins. Then, write a short anecdote of your own.



Sometimes it's better not to know. Last summer, my entire family decided to meet for a vacation in the most exotic location we could afford. Spain was everyone's first choice. On the first night, we had a light supper on the patio of the villa we had rented.

My Aunt Alexandra (a woman of strong opinions and weak eyesight) was in the middle of scolding my brother for not washing his hands before coming to the table, when she broke into a smile and shrieked, "Oh, look at the baby turtles!"

We all looked down at the ground. Aunt Alexandra's baby turtles weren't turtles at all. They were the biggest, ugliest cockroaches I'd ever seen!

The first line hooks the readers. They might wonder "Not to know what?"

The first part sets up the story (people involved, setting, situation)

Do you understand the first line now? Are you curious about what happened next?

Notice the humorous description of Aunt Alexandra. Anecdotes often include relevant details about the people involved.