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