



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

GRADE IX	ENGLISH	2023-24
	DIARY ENTRY	

WHAT IS A DIARY ENTRY?

Diary writing is the writing down of events, transactions, and observations in a highly personalized manner. It is wrapped around creative thoughts and is basically the outpouring of what one feels or has experienced with regard to a particular stimulus. A diary can be written on a daily basis or at intervals, depending on the inclination of the writer.

A diary entry is a form of writing where an individual records an account of the day. We record important and significant days with personal feelings. Thus, it is a personal document.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Write the time and date in case you want to refer to the entry you have made.
- Write the content in your own unique style that is your personal taste. You may write about your own feelings or about events, conveying facts, information, ideas, advice, etc.
- The diary should be taken as alive and as a platform for our thoughts and feelings.
- Make your entries honestly and truthfully, don't lie to yourself.
- We must close the diary with our name or signature.
- Make your diary entry in the right format.
- Let the tone be informal or semi-formal depending on the topic-matter included.
- Express your feelings, opinions, and emotions on the topics asked/people/places/events.

GUIDELINES

A diary entry has no fixed format or style of writing. However, a good diary entry does contain the following features:

1. A good diary writing contains the place, the date, the day and even the time of writing. For example:

25th April, 20XX, Wednesday.

9:00 p.m.

2. A diary does not need any formal heading. However, it is optional. If you want, you can give a suitable heading.

3. The style and tone are generally informal and personal. However, it depends on the subject. Sometimes the tone can be philosophical and reflective too. You can freely express your viewpoints and feelings.

4. As the diary is the writer's personal document, the diary entry does not need any signature. It is totally optional.

5. You can evolve your own suitable style depending on the topic of your writing.

DIARY ENTRY FORMAT

Date, Day	Time
(Leave a line)	
Dear Diary	
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_____ (One Paragraph) _____	
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(Leave a Line)	
Signature	
NAME	

KEEP IN MIND

1. A diary entry is personalized so write in first person.
2. Use conversational and friendly language.
3. Stress on feelings, emotions, and reactions rather than on the event itself.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Question 1.

All the news channels were reporting the earthquake in Nepal on 25 April 20XX. After watching the effects of the natural disaster, write a diary entry about what you were feeling at that point in time.

Answer:

25 April, 20XX, Sunday

10:00 pm

Dear Diary,

I am really sad about what happened yesterday. I was watching the news when suddenly I got to hear that a big earthquake had hit Nepal. I was shocked to see so much destruction in just a matter of minutes. I was genuinely scared by what happened and hoped there would be fewer casualties. Was praying for my friend in Nepal would be okay. I tried calling but I could not get through. I'm very worried. I have sent a message, hoping he'll call back.

(your name)

Question 2.

You are Neha. Today is your birthday and your father has gifted you a laptop. You are very happy to own it as you wanted to have it for a long time. Before going to bed you intend to share your joy with your diary. Write a diary entry in 100-150 words expressing your feeling.

Answer:

9 October 20XX, Tuesday

10.30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

My joy knows no bounds today. It is my birthday and my father has given me a portable laptop as a gift. It is like a dream come true as I wanted to possess one for a long time. Now I would be able to browse the necessary information that I could not find in the library. I can't thank my father enough for the gift that he has

given. He has never deprived us of anything in life. Now, I can communicate with people through email and even chat with my friends. I can play games during my leisure time. Although, it is a small thing it holds the entire world. I hope I am able to use this gift effectively. The Internet today can make us global. So, it has great relevance in today's world.

Neha

DO IT YOURSELF

1. Write a diary entry in 80-100 words about winning a quiz. Share your emotions with your diary.
2. Write a diary entry 80-100 words about an exciting day you spent today.
3. Write a diary entry in 80-100 words expressing your feeling of getting an award for 'The Best Student in School.'
4. You visited the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort along with your friends and teacher. Write a diary entry in 80-100 words describing the visit.
5. Indian summers are really unbearable. One day the maximum temperature shot up to 47°C. It was the most miserable day of the year for you. Record the experience in your diary.
6. You are Raghu/Ragini of Swan Public School, Karnal. You were a witness to a ghastly fire in the market. The firemen showed exceptional bravery and saved the life of a woman who was trapped inside a room on the first floor. Make a diary entry narrating the whole ghastly incident and the bravery of the firemen.
7. You are Raju/Ranjana of Salwan Public School, New Delhi. You are motivated by the 'Clean India Campaign' of the Prime Minister and participated in it in your own way in your colony. Taking help from the input write a diary entry on the subject.
Hints: PM's 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan' - motivated millions of young men like me - called a meeting of all young boys and girls volunteers - started removing dirt - bought new bins - distributed pamphlets - enlightened public - good results - appreciable change in the mindsets - Things in the right direction - I feel proud of myself and my companions.

