



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

GRADE IX	ENGLISH	2022-23
	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 and with it our 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:

Delhi

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 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,	

_____ (One Paragraph) _____	

(Leave a Line)	
Signature	
NAME	

KEEP IN MIND

What you saw/experienced

Your reaction to what you saw/experienced

A diary entry is personalized so write in first person.

At times you may leave out the pronoun 'I'. For example, "am really excited ..."/"Went to the beach today ..."

Refer to personal memories and give details.

Use conversational and friendly language.

Refer to parents, friends, etc. as how you would address them in person. For example, "Mom said ..."/"Rohit came along ..."/"Shweta just wouldn't listen ..."

Stress on feelings, emotions, reactions rather than on the event itself.

You may mention the time of the entry as well.

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 Naresh. You happened to go to Agra on a crowded bus on a hot summer day. Record your experience in 100-150 words in your diary.

Answer:

10 October 20XX, Wednesday

9:00 pm

Dear Diary,

Today I had the bitterest experience of my life. I never had such an awful experience in my life. I had gone to Agra for urgent work. There were very few buses running today as most of them had been put on Election duty. I waited for two hours at the bus stop to get into the bus. It was much crowded. People were pushing each other. Luggage was falling over people. The bus was more than full to its capacity. There were brawls, even fist fighting which was somehow brought under control by the timely intervention of some elderly passengers. I somehow managed to get some space for myself. It was really difficult to even breathe for me. Everyone was sweating. After the journey of two hours, I came out of the bus and took a sigh of relief. I will never forget this journey in my life.

Naresh

Question 3.

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:

Tuesday, 19 October 20XX

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

Question 4.

The annual examination results have been declared and you found out that you have secured first division but your closest friend was unsuccessful. Write a diary entry about how that made you feel and what you think would help to motivate him/her to work

harder and try for a re-examination.

Answer:

(date) (day)

(time)

Dear Diary,

The annual exam results got declared today. I was very happy that I could get at least a first division. My parents would be very happy when they hear about this. But I'm also slightly sad and worried about my friend Raj. He couldn't clear his exam and he is very upset. I think I'll go cheer him up sometime tomorrow and help him get back on his feet. I'll tell him it's not too late. He can appear for the re-examination paper now instead of waiting for next year. I hope things work out.

(name)

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 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 of a ghastly fire in the market. The firemen showed an exceptional bravery and saved the life of 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 right direction • I feel proud of myself and my companions.

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