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DIARY ENTRY



Diary writing can be a lot of fun. A diary can become our best friend, to whom we can say all that we feel. It will never get bored or shocked or disappointed with us. Many great people have maintained a diary where they have recorded what they thought, felt, or did through each day.

While writing a Diary

While writing a diary, remember to:



- Write in a chronological order. Start with events that happened early in the day, and end with events that took place last thing in the evening.
- Write the entries in the first person. Use 'I', 'we', 'us', and so on.
- Make your entries detailed, but avoid over describing what is not needed.
- write in an informal style, uses chatty language, opinions and facts.



Now let us look at the steps involved in writing a diary entry:

1. Write the date and time as it is important to tell the reader exactly when the diary is being written.
2. Begin with a general sentence describing the day or feelings.
3. In the body of the diary entry, you may discuss an event and your feelings towards it. It needs to be exciting and interesting to read.
4. Since we talk about our experiences and feelings, we use first person pronouns in a diary entry.
5. We generally use simple past, present perfect and future tense.
6. End with a final remark about the day or one's feelings and future course of action.
7. Diary entry is concluded by signing the person's first name.

Diary Writing Checklist

Did I...

Did I...	Child
include the date and/or time? 	<input type="checkbox"/>
write in the first person?	<input type="checkbox"/>
use past tense for the main events? 	<input type="checkbox"/>
include an introduction to set the scene?	<input type="checkbox"/>
tell events in chronological order?	<input type="checkbox"/>
include personal emotions and feelings? 	<input type="checkbox"/>
use time conjunctions and adverbials (e.g. after that, before lunch, until sunset)?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Here's an example of a diary entry with the key features explained.

Starts with the date and "Dear Diary".

Describes what the writer did on a particular day and gives their thoughts, feelings and opinions.

Diary entries usually use the past tense and the first person.

Linking words make the order of events clear.

Language that appeals to all the senses (sight, sound, smell, taste, touch) to describe what happened.

Saturday 18th November

Dear Diary,

Today was the best day ever! It was my birthday last week, so for a treat my step-dad took me to a cat rescue centre.

When Ian told me where we were going, I was so excited — cats are my favourite animal! The drive took a long time, but it was worth it because, when we finally arrived, it was a cat paradise.

First, we were taken to look at the cats. There were so many of them! They were black and grey, striped and spotty — all the kinds of cats you could ever imagine.

Then, the volunteers let us feed some of the cats and stroke them. They were so soft and fluffy that it felt like I was stroking clouds.

After that, it was time to go, but Ian had one more surprise — he said that we could come back and adopt a kitten. I can't wait!

Events are described in the order that they happened (in chronological order).

Similes and metaphors help the reader to imagine what the writer saw and felt.

Informal, chatty language, as if talking to a friend.



MIND MAP:

Mind mapping can be used to help you plan and organize your thinking before you start writing.

FORMAT OF DIARY ENTRY:

Date, Day (British Format)

Time

Dear Diary,

(Incidents, experiences, emotions, feelings etc. of the day)

Your Name

SAMPLE DIARY ENTRY:

You are Rohith/Riya. It was the happiest day of your life when your class teacher informed you that you have been selected as the 'Best sportsman/sportswoman of the year'. You are thrilled as now you will receive the award at the Annual Day Celebrations. Make a diary entry in 120-150 words recording your feelings in it.

12th November, 2023 Wednesday

8:30pm

Dear Diary,

Today was the best day of my life. Guess why? My class teacher told me that I have been selected as the 'Best sportsman of the year'. I am so happy that all the hard work that I had done, paid back today. I can never forget how much I had toiled in the field, during the summer camp to get into the school football team. My coach had appreciated my efforts. My parents will be so proud of me when I receive the trophy for the 'Best Sportsman' from the Chief Guest. All the parents and teachers will clap for me. I will be a hero at that moment. I have also been selected to represent the team for the School Nationals to be held next month. God, please give me strength and endurance to live up to the expectations of my coach and my parents.

Rohith

EXERCISE: 1

Imagine you went to a local restaurant and saw children doing the dishes and serving the food. They wore tattered clothes and looked dirty and unkempt. Write a diary entry in about 120-150 words describing the day and talk about how you felt when you saw them. Also, write about what you could do to help them.

EXERCISE: 2

Imagine that you are attending a summer sports camp. Write a diary entry about a day at your camp. You can write about the activities you participated in, interactions with friends and others at the camp, achievements and how the camp might be helping you develop your skills.

