



Weekly writing task



Diary Entry

Welcome young writers!

Your task this week is to write a diary entry about Tony's day at grandad's house. Pretend that you are Tony!

Watch the following video:



<https://www.literacyshed.com/takingflight.html#>

- 1) Create an emotion graph for how Tony feels throughout different parts of the video, e.g. sad when his dad doesn't play with him and has to go to work. (see additional resource on school website)
- 2) Look closely at all the adventures that Tony went on and write down key adjectives to describe each activity and setting. Think about what you can see and hear around you. Think about how Tony feels.
- 3) Now use your adjectives to help you write a diary entry using first person as if you are Tony about your day with grandad. Remember a diary needs to be written in chronological order using the events that happened throughout the day. Start by writing the date at the top of the page so you know what date your diary entry was written on.

When you write a diary entry, you are writing about a day in the life of a real person or character. The diary entry needs to sound as if the person or character has written it so it needs to be written from their point of view. It also needs to be exciting and interesting to read. The writer will give their own ideas and opinions about the subject.

Here are some diary top tips:

- Use a range of time fronted adverbials to start your sentences, e.g. Today, Early this morning, At 1 o'clock. But don't start every sentence with one!
- You can use an informal approach to your writing – a diary is your friend. You can use contractions e.g. can't, don't, won't.
- Remember to write your diary in the first person. E.g. As I have travelled to many different countries, I have discovered so many new facts about bees and shared these. Use the pronouns of 'I', 'my', 'we' and 'our'. These words are special because they tell us the diary is being written **by** someone and they are talking about **themselves**.
- A diary is written in the past tense as you are writing about events that have already happened.
- A diary is usually a secret place to write the truth about how you feel about what has happened to you in the day.

- In a diary you might include feelings, hopes or fears that you wouldn't want anyone to know about.
- Remember to include paragraphs in your diary.
- Remember to include a conclusion. This could be some sentences that sum up how you have felt overall during your day.

Success Criteria

Try to include the following in your diary:

Success criteria	
Capital letters and full stops	
Parenthesis () , , --	
Colon (to introduce a list and to replace the word because) :	
Semi colon ; (replaces a FANBOYS)	
Paragraphs	
Fronted adverbials (Time)	
Conjunctions (FANBOYS & AWHITEBUS)	
Paragraphs	

Diary Example - Could your writing be even better?

Eva Crane Diary

6th July 1989

Dear Diary,

Today, I made an upsetting announcement which could affect the whole world – the number of bees is declining. Following nearly a lifetime of interest in bees, my recent discoveries have saddened me greatly. We need to do something about this.

When we were given a beehive as a wedding present in 1942, we initially thought it was a very unusual gift! But, with the Second World War raging and rationing introduced, we soon realised the benefits of regular honey. Over the years, my intrigue in bees has increased and I have come to realise how important they are to us and not just because of the delectable honey that they make. On my many travels, I have been lucky enough to discover so many new facts about bees and share these with the world in my books. I don't understand why the number of bees is diminishing so rapidly but people need to take more notice.

Without bees we will lose many of the plants that we rely on (they need the bees to pollinate them) and breakfast will never be the same again – imagine a world with no cereals! Over the following years, I will make it my mission to discover what we can do to ensure that bees don't die out and to continue to share my knowledge with the world.

In hope,

Eva Crane