

Diary Writing

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- I can write in sentences and use capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops.
- I can form my letters correctly.
- I can use the word 'and' to make my sentences longer.
- I can use some of the features of diary writing.

Writing a Diary Entry



When you write a diary entry, you are writing about a day in the life of a real person or character.

Writing a Diary Entry



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.

Writing a Diary Entry



It also needs to be
exciting
and interesting to read.
To get this right,
just follow a few easy
steps...

include the date and/or
time

Diary Writing Must...



include the date and/or time

The date or time can be written at the top of the page like this...

Diary of a Young Pirate

Friday 13th October 1718

Dear diary,

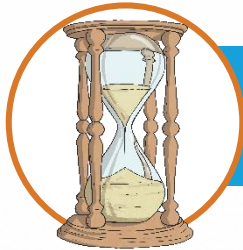
I was woken up at dawn as usual, by the crew singing rude sea shanties on deck. I jumped out of my hammock, pulled on my ragged clothes and then, got on with my daily chores.

or it can be included in the first few sentences of a diary entry like this...

‘It is past midnight but I am still wide awake because my day has been so exciting.’

This is important because it tells the reader exactly **when** the diary is being written.

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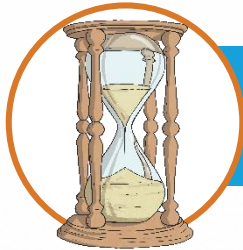


be written in the past tense

When we write a diary, we write in the past tense. This is because we are writing about something that has already happened.

Be Written in the past
tense

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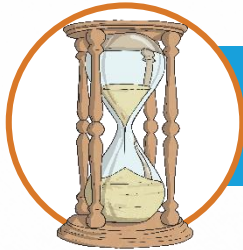


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Look at the sentence below. How would you change it into the past tense?

I am so excited and I cannot sleep!

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Look at the sentence below. How would you change it into the past tense?

I am so excited and I cannot sleep!

I was so excited and I could not sleep.

Diary Writing Must...

use the words 'I', 'my', 'we'
and 'our'

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'our'

These words are special because they tell us the diary is being written **by** someone and they are talking about **themselves**.

We call this kind of writing '**first person**'. Look at these two examples. Which one uses the correct words to be written in '**first person**'?

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'our'

I played with the new football I got for my
birthday.

When my brother came home, we went inside
our house. **First person!**

She played with the new football she got for her
birthday.

When her brother got home, they went inside their
house. **Not first person!**



Diary Writing Must...



write as if you were there

When we write a diary, we have to make the reader think we were really there.

We can do this by including lots of detail and description.

Diary Writing Must...



put the most important events in order

In a diary, we usually write about the events of our day in the order they happened, starting with what we did first when we woke up and finishing with the end of our day.

We only include the most important or interesting events.

Diary Writing Must...



put the most important events in
order

We can help to do this using words
such as 'first', 'next' and 'then'.

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put the most important events in order

We can help to do this using words such as 'first', 'next' and 'then'.

If we just use one word, such as 'and' to link the events in our diary it can get very boring!

Diary Writing Must...



describe feelings

A diary is usually a secret place to write 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.

Diary Writing Checklist

Can you remember all the things you need to do to write a fantastic diary entry?

Diary writing must...



write the date and/or time;

be written in the past tense



write as if I was there: 'I', 'my', 'we' and 'our';

write about the most important events in order;

describe feelings;

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