

We are learning how to write a diary.

Over the next week, we'd like you to write a diary entry about what you've been up to each day. That's 5 diary entries by the end of the week.

In every diary entry try to include:

- **Questions and statements**
- **Conjunctions** (joining words such as because, and, so, but)
- **Adjectives** (describing words)

When you have written each diary entry, remember to read it back aloud to yourself or to a family member and check for:

- **Punctuation** (capital letters, full stops and question marks)
- **Spelling** (especially tricky words and common exception words)
- **Count how many adjectives you've used**
- **Count how many conjunctions you've used**

If you have missed any of these things out, go back and change them before you finish writing.

To help you learn about diary writing here are some activities you should complete alongside your daily diary entry.

1. Have a read through the *Examples of Diary Writing resource*. What features can you spot? What does a diary always start and finish with? Look at the *Diary Writing Helpful Hints resource* to see if you've found all the features.
2. A diary is written in the 1st person. This means you are writing as yourself and use words like I, me, my. Have a go at this quiz to help you spot the 1st Person sentences. <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks1/english/narrative-first-person/>
3. A diary is written in the past tense. This means you are writing about what has already happened. Play this game to help you learn about writing in past tense. <https://www.gamestolearnenglish.com/past-tense-game/>
4. Use the *Diary Writing Checklist resource* with a family member and ask them to look through your latest diary entry. Together, talk about what you have included and what you may have missed. Tick off the features you have found and write yourself a target for your last diary entry to make it even better.