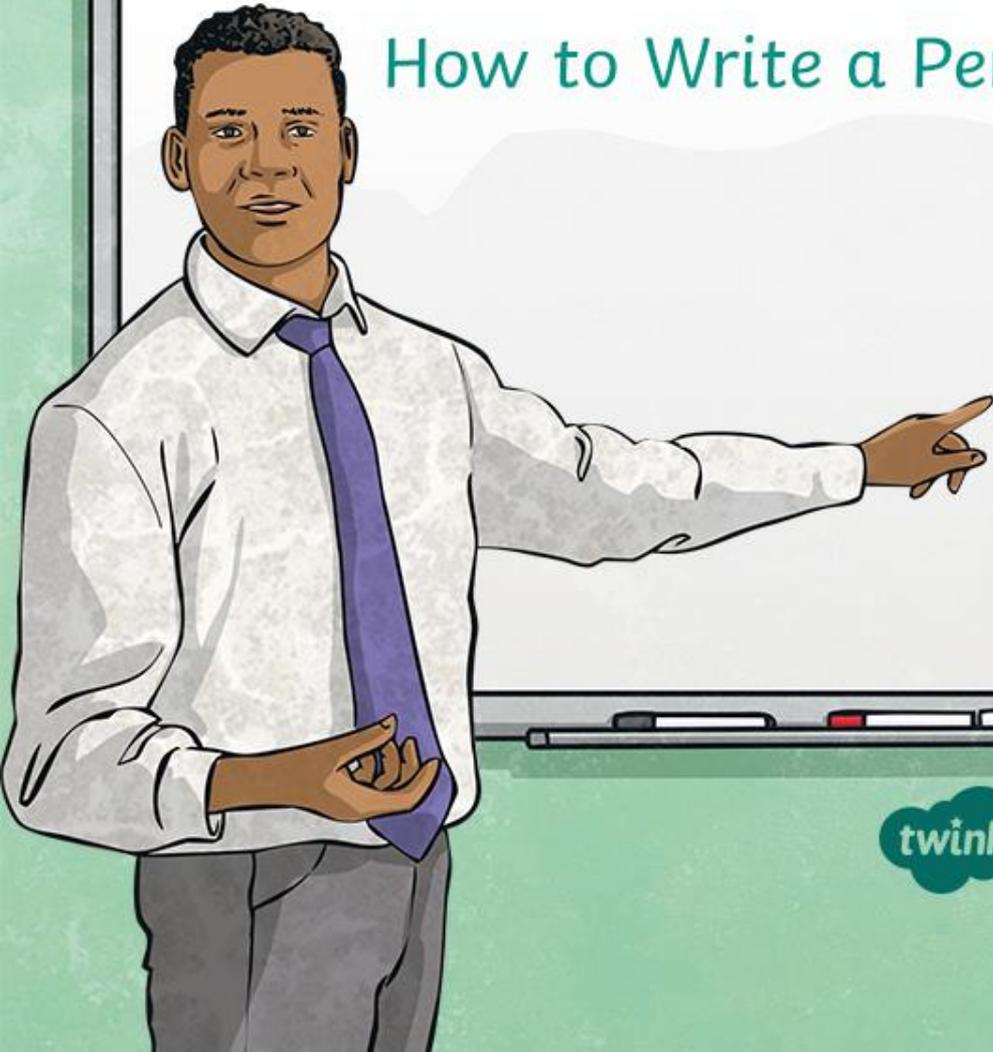


UKS2 Diary Writing

How to Write a Perfect Diary Entry

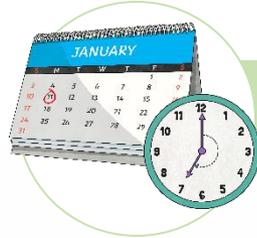


Writing a Diary Entry

When you write a diary entry, you are writing about a day in your life. The diary entry needs to sound as if you have written it so it needs to be written from your point of view. It also needs to be exciting and interesting to read. To get this right, just follow a few easy steps...



Diary Writing Must...



include the date and/or time

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

6th July 1980

Dear Diary,

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

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

What unusual times we are now living in! Today, 23rd March 2020, I admit to feeling rather overwhelmed by the changes to my daily life but hopefully I will adapt.

Diary Writing Must... be written in the first person.

- This means including pronouns such as **'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**.
- Look at the next two examples.
Which one uses the correct words to be written in the **'first person'**?

Diary Writing Must... be written in the first person.

As **I** have travelled to many different countries, **I** have discovered so many new facts about bees and shared these.

First person

As **she** has travelled to many different countries, **she** has discovered so many new facts about bees and shared these.

Not first person

Diary Writing Must...

tell events in chronological order.



- In a diary we usually write about the events of our day in the order they happened.
- We only include the most important or interesting events.
- Which of these events would you include in a diary?

I ate breakfast. **X**

My whole family joined in the Joe Wicks daily work out. It was exhausting but fun. **✓**

After I had completed my home learning I spent some time... **✓**

I have decided to take up a new hobby! **✓**

I looked at the water. **X**

You might choose to include information about breakfast and looking at the water if it is relevant or unusual.

Diary Writing Must...

describe the events from the
writer's point of view.

- A diary is a personal recount usually about a specific event.
- The writer will give their own ideas and opinions about the subject.
- They will use first person point of view language, such as '**I think...**', '**I believe...**'
- Where does this writer give their point of view?

Following an interest in bees, my recent discovery has saddened me greatly. **We need to do something about this.**

Diary Writing Must...

include personal emotions and feelings.

- 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.
- Look at the examples below. Where have these diary writers described their feelings?

My anxiety lifted as the judge proclaimed that Charles Annan had obviously stolen my blueprint and the right to patent the design remains with me.

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.

Diary Writing Must...

use paragraphs to organise writing (including an introduction and conclusion).

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When?

Today received the best news – the expedition have been planning for years is to happen thanks to the new rulers of Spain.

What?

Who?

- A conclusion can be a sentence that sums up how the writer is feeling, such as:

Whatever happens, I will have explored the seas to find new worlds.

Diary Writing Must... use an informal style.

- Diaries are usually written for our own eyes so they are written in an informal style.
- Look at the examples below. Which uses the more informal style?

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!

Informal

Without bees to pollinate plants, many will die out. This will result in humans having to alter the foods we eat, including breakfast cereals.

Formal

Diary Writing Must...

use time conjunctions and adverbials.

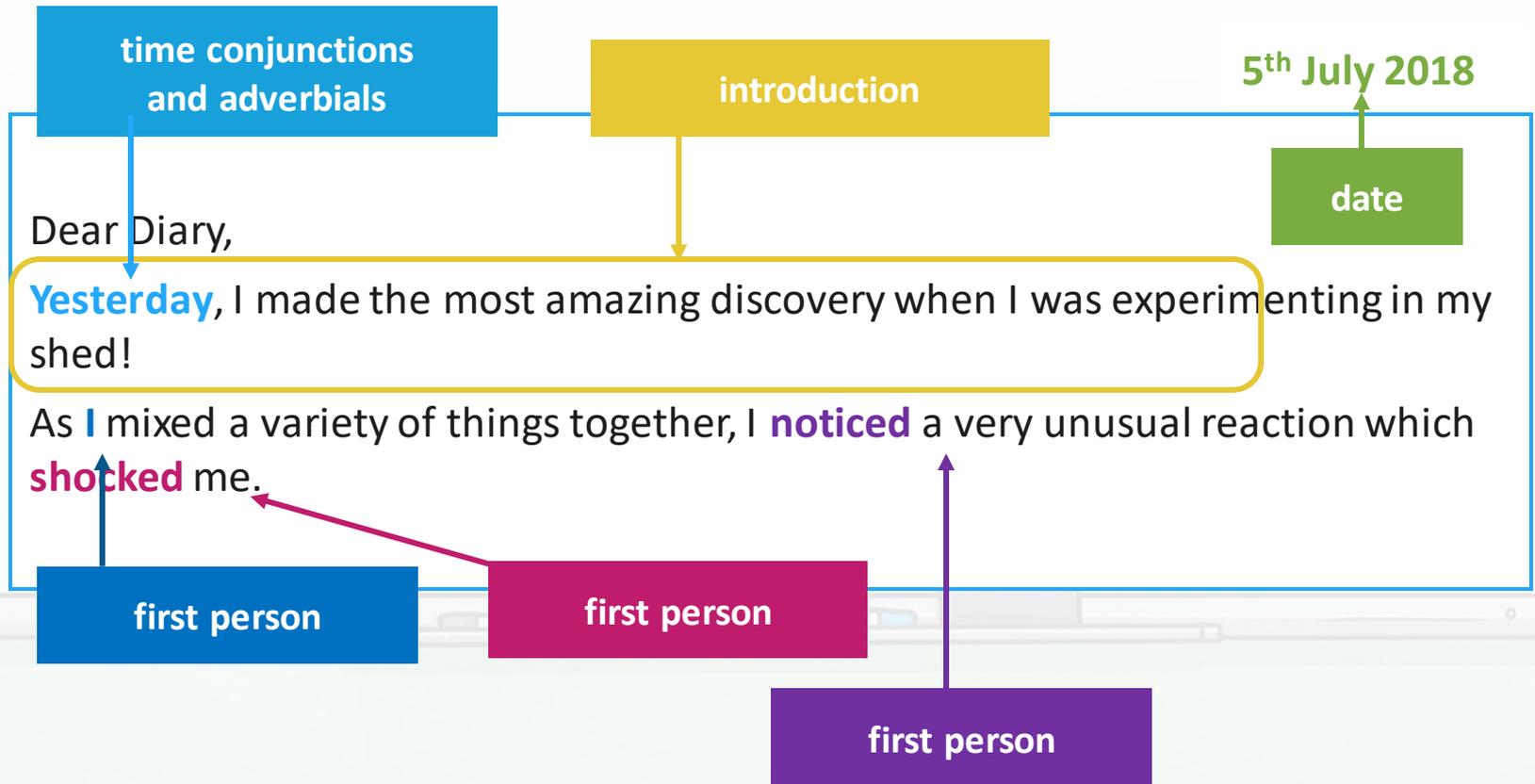
- A diary is usually describing lots of events. To make sense of when these events happened it is helpful to include time conjunctions and adverbials.
- If we just use one word, such as 'then', to link the events in our diary, it can get very boring!
- Look at the examples below. Can you identify any time conjunctions or adverbials that have been used?

Early this morning, I arrived at the courtroom to face the man who was determined to steal my ideas.

Over the following years, I will do everything I can to help make sure that bees don't die out.

Find the features

Which features can you see in the following example?



Find the features

Use the **Differentiated Diary Comprehensions** from yesterday to find the features of diaries using the **Features of a diary** to help you.

Features of a Diary Entry

Uses the past tense	
Uses first person pronouns (I, we, my, etc.)	
Describes the writer's point of view, thoughts and feelings	
Includes opinions as well as facts	
Uses ambitious words to describe people and places	
Is written in an informal style, as though speaking to someone	
Uses time conjunctions to link events	
Organises events into paragraphs	
Uses inverted commas to show direct speech	

Anne Frank



Who was Anne Frank?

Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt, Germany on 12th June, 1929. Her parents were Otto and Edith and she had an older sister, Margot. Anne was lively and outgoing. She had lots of friends and she enjoyed writing, going for family trips out to the seaside and riding her bike.

The Second World War

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became the leader of Germany and life was never the same again. Anne was Jewish and Hitler despised Jews. He unfairly blamed them for many of Germany's problems. To keep his family safe, Otto Frank moved to Amsterdam in the Netherlands when Anne was just four years old. However, the Second World War began in 1939, and in 1940, the Nazis invaded the Netherlands.



Life became hard for Jewish people, who were forced to wear a yellow star and were not allowed to own businesses. Anne celebrated her thirteenth birthday and received a red journal that was to become a record of her experiences as a Jew in the Second World War. Anne loved to write and, naming her journal 'Kitty', she began to write in it every day.

Going Into Hiding

Otto Frank had a secret annexe behind his office where his family could hide away from the Nazis. After packing what they could, the family went quickly to the small annexe and with the help of friends, hid away for two years. Anne wrote in 'Kitty' every day. Her journal tells us about how her family struggled to stay alive.

Captured

Eight people were able to hide in the annexe. They had to be very quiet, walking barefoot and hanging

