

Writing a Diary Recount

Do you know what a diary is?



A diary is a special book we can write in.

It is a book about ourselves.

It is where we write down what we have done everyday.

I am going to read to you a diary that Little Red Riding Hood. She gave it to us as a reward for all our hard work last half term!



Diary of Little Red Riding Hood

Saturday 4th May

Dear diary,

You are not going to believe the day I have had! First thing this morning, my mum told me I had to take some cakes to my poorly granny. I secretly wanted to stay and play in the garden but I felt bad for poor Granny so, I grumpily agreed. It was such a beautiful day as I walked through the woods, I just had to stop and pick some lovely red flowers.

Then suddenly, a wolf appeared from behind a tree! He was very charming and told me a shortcut to get to granny's house. I thought he seemed very clever so I stupidly believed him.



Finally, I got to Granny's house and I knew at once something strange was going on. Granny didn't look like herself at all. I asked Granny a lot of questions and just in time I worked out it wasn't Granny at all!

Next, a kind woodcutter came and helped me uncover the wolf and rescue poor granny. I felt very scared but I knew I had to be brave.

After that, the woodcutter took me home and Mum couldn't believe the adventure I'd had. Now it's well past my bedtime and I am very tired. I don't think I'll ever trust a wolf again!

Little Red Riding Hood



Think about the following:

What words tell us when something happened?

Why are most of the words in the past tense?

Can you spot any of the sentences where Little Red Riding Hood describes how she is feeling?

Date

Tuesday 22nd February

Time opener

What happened?

Feeling



First, I woke up very early in the morning to hear a thunderstorm outside. I was so scared I hid under my covers.

Can you spot the features above in the rest of Marvin's diary?

Then, my Mummy heard me scream so she came into my room and gave me a big cuddle. I felt so much happier.

Diary Writing Must...



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.

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

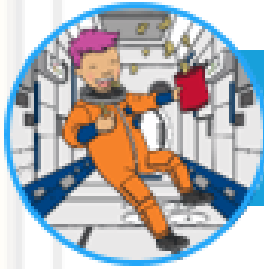
I can not sleep very well as I am so excited about my birthday party! I wake up at 5am and get dressed...

Diary Writing Must...



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

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.

So, we need to include feeling and details.

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.



This is Glenda, Marvin's sister. Unfortunately Glenda sometimes gets a bit mixed up.

Have a look at her diary entry on the worksheet.
What has she done wrong in her diary?