

Writing – Diary

Prior Learning

Writes short sentences in meaningful contexts.
 Writes text to communicate meaning for a range of purposes.
 Uses some words that they have recently been introduced to in their writing.
 Use phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match spoken sounds.
 Spell the phase 2 and 3 tricky words correctly.

Concepts

Past tense – To show that a completed action took place in the past. Something that has already happened.
First person - A first-person narrative is a way of storytelling through the narrator’s point of view. It uses first-person pronouns such as 'I', 'me' and 'we'.

Key Vocabulary

Dairy	A diary is a personal record of thoughts, feelings and events. Usually, it is arranged in the order in which the things you’re writing about actually happened.
Adverbs of time	Adverbs of time tell us when an action happened, but also for how long, and how often.
First person	Told from the narrator’s point of you. Uses pronouns - I, me, we, my, our.
Past tense	The events that you’re writing about have already taken place.
Feelings	Writing about how you felt when the event was taking place.
Conjunctions	Conjunctions are connecting words, phrases or clauses. Conjunctions are used to connect sentences or clauses e.g. and, but, so, because, if and when.

Images, icons and maps.

Date → Sunday 25th December 2022

Start 'Dear Dairy' → Dear Diary,

Today was Christmas Day! It has **been** a **happy** day.

First person → I **woke** up at 6am to see that Santa **had** left me some presents at the end of **my** bed. How **thrilling**!

Conjunctions → I **was** quite **eager** to see what was in my sack, **but** I **waited** until **my** mummy, daddy **and** sister **woke** up.

Past tense → We all then **sat** in my bedroom to open our gifts. The first present I **opened was** a book about a panda. The next present **was** a teddy, it **was** very soft and cuddly.

Adverbs of time → After **we** had **opened** the presents from Santa **we went** downstairs **and** **opened** the ones that **were** under the tree.

Feelings → I **felt** so **lucky**. **When** **we were** all dressed, **we went** on a short drive to **my** nan's house. She **had cooked** the most tasty Christmas dinner for us all.

Then **we played** games **and** **watched** a film **before** going home. It **was** | very late, **so we brushed** our teeth **and** now it is **bed time**.

Today has **been** the best day **and** I am looking forward to playing with **my** new toys tomorrow.

Love,
Anna.

- Key Facts**
- 1) Include the date of the diary entry.
 - 2) A diary entry is written in first person – I, me, my, we and our.
 - 3) Describe your feelings.
 - 4) Adverbs of time – Firstly, then, finally.
 - 5) To be written in the past tense.
 - 6) To join ideas using conjunctions -

abc Letter formation
ABC Capital letters
 Finger spaces
 Punctuation
 Phonics knowledge
 Tricky words