

# Writing – Diary

**Prior Learning**

Sequence sentences to form short narratives, including both fiction, non-fiction and poetry  
 Write for different purposes.  
 Begin to write in both the past and present tense, sustaining this throughout a short piece or writing.  
 Spell year 1 common exception words correctly.  
 Use the coordinating conjunction and, starting to use but and so to join clauses in writing.  
 Use the subordinating conjunction because to join clauses in writing.

**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**

<b>Dairy</b>	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.
<b>Adverbs of time</b>	Adverbs of time tell us when an action happened, but also for how long, and how often.
<b>First person</b>	Told from the narrator’s point of you. Uses pronouns - I, me, we, my, our.
<b>Past tense</b>	The events that you’re writing about have already taken place.
<b>Feelings</b>	Writing about how you felt when the event was taking place.
<b>Conjunctions</b>	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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 -