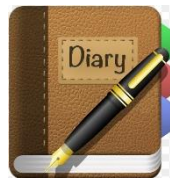


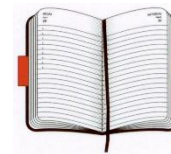
Purpose

To tell a personal account of events.
To express feelings and views about things that have happened.



English writing genres

Diary writing LKS2



Useful words and phrases

Adverbs to start a diary sentence:

Curiously,
Eventually,
Fortunately,
Hopefully,
Interestingly,
Lately,
Luckily,
Recently,

Rhetorical questions:

Can you believe that...?
Can you imagine that...?
Did you ever expect that...?
You'll never guess what happened?

Sentence starters to think or reflect:

I wonder if...
I wonder whether...
It might be that...

Additional language features

Chatty language 'speech-like phrases':

As it happened,
At the end of the day,
I am looking forward to...
I didn't expect...
I imagine that...
To be honest,
To tell you the truth,
Worst of all,
It was just as well that...

Other sentence starters:

At least... Even though...
For once, I felt so...
No matter what, Sometimes,

Features of diary writing

- They will use the simple present tense most of the time.
- The important events are recounted.
- Thoughts and feelings are clearly stated.
- Writing does not have to be chronological (the order things happened).
- The writer confides in the reader, explaining her thoughts.
- The writer may also trust the reader with his secrets.
- Conversational (chatty) language is used.

Extra for experts

- Start with a subordinate clause: As I rounded the corner, I saw...
- Start with an 'ing' word: Darting suddenly, Leaping gallantly,
- Start with an 'ed' word: Shocked, Exhausted, Distraught
- Start with a simile: Like the blind fool that I am, I just didn't see it coming.

In Year 3, do you remember writing a diary as Mrs Meyers from the porcupine poem?

