

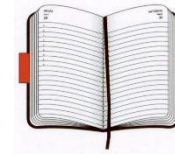
Purpose

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



English writing genres

Diary writing UKS2



Useful words and phrases

Adverbs to start a diary sentence:

Curiously,
Eventually,
Fortuitously,
Fortunately,
Hopefully,
Incidentally,
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?

Speculative sentence starters:

I wonder if
I wonder whether
It may be that

Additional language features

Conversational manner with 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

- Generally, the simple present tense is used. However, the present continuous (-ing) and simple past can also be used.
- The significant events are recounted.
- Thoughts and feelings are clearly stated.
- Writing does not have to be chronological.
- The writer confides in the reader, explaining his or her thoughts.
- The writer may also trust the reader with his or her secrets.
- Conversational (colloquial) language is used.
- A personal and informal style is used.

How to start a sentence

- Adverb: Regretfully,
- Subordinate clause: As I rounded the corner, I saw
- Preposition phrase: After lunch, we decided to
- Participle (past or present):
 - Distaught, (past)
 - Watching carefully, (present participle with adverb)
- Simile: Like the blind fool that I am, I just didn't see it coming.