

Leo the Lion's Secret Diary

Learning objective: To identify the features of a diary entry and understand the writer's perspective.

Read the diary entry carefully, then answer the questions below using full sentences.

14th October

Dear Diary,

What a truly magnificent day we had in the Whispering Woods! I woke up feeling rather brave, so I decided to lead our group on an expedition to the Old Oak Tree. The morning sun was golden, casting long, dancing shadows across the forest floor.

As we trekked, Ellie shared some fascinating stories about the history of the forest, while Nova kept a watchful eye on the changing clouds above. I felt a surge of pride seeing how well everyone worked together. We stopped by the bubbling stream for a picnic; I spent exactly £5.50 on fresh berries and crusty bread for us all to share. It felt wonderful to provide for my friends.

Later, I sat quietly beneath the canopy and wrote a short poem about the rustling leaves. Being a leader is not just about being strong; it is about listening to your friends and making sure everyone feels included. As the sun sets, I feel content and ready for a peaceful night's sleep. I wonder what tomorrow's adventure will bring?

Yours,
Leo

Word bank: chronological · reflection · recount · first-person · emotions · past tense

1. How much money did Leo spend on the food for the picnic? (1 mark)
2. Which two characters accompanied Leo on his expedition to the Old Oak Tree? (2 marks)
3. How did Leo feel when he was watching his friends work together, and why? (2 marks)
4. What does the text suggest about Leo's personality beyond being a brave leader? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Leo enjoys being a leader? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion sitting under the Old Oak Tree, writing in his diary while his friends Ellie and Nova are nearby.



Extension challenge: Write a short diary entry from the perspective of Ellie the Elephant, describing the same picnic from her point of view. Remember to use the first-person ('I') and past tense.