

Max's Magnificent Diary Entry Template

Learning objective: To use the first-person perspective, past tense, and chronological order to recount events in a diary entry.

Imagine you are Max the monkey. Think about a busy day you have had—perhaps you spent the morning solving maths puzzles in the jungle or helping friends with their chores. Use this template to record your day. Remember to use 'I' and 'my' to show it is your own experience, and try to include how you felt about what happened.

Word bank: suddenly · meanwhile · eventually · excitedly · puzzled · fortunately · chronological · first-person

1. Date and Greeting: Write the date of your entry and choose a friendly opening for your diary. (2 marks)

2. The Opening: Describe what happened first in your day. Where were you and what were you doing? (3 marks)

3. The Main Event: Tell the reader about the most exciting or puzzling thing that happened. Use your best adjectives! (4 marks)

4. Feelings and Thoughts: How did the events make you feel? Were you happy, surprised, or maybe a little bit confused? (3 marks)

5. Closing: How did your day end? Write a final sentence to sign off your diary entry. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Try to include one 'time conjunction' (like 'after that' or 'before long') in every paragraph to help your diary flow in the correct order.