

Mastering Diary Writing with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To understand the key features and tone of diary writing in preparation for independent creative writing.

Read each flashcard carefully to learn the essential features of a diary entry. Use these to help Pip the Bookworm write about his daily adventures!

What is the primary point of view used in a diary entry?

First-person (using pronouns like 'I', 'me', and 'my').

In what order should events be recorded in a diary?

Chronological order (the order in which they happened).

Which tense is most commonly used when writing about events that have already finished?

Past tense.

Why do diary entries often include thoughts and feelings?

Diaries are personal and reflective, allowing the writer to express their inner emotions.

What are 'time conjunctions' and why are they used?

Words like 'afterwards', 'meanwhile', or 'later' used to link events in time.

True or False: A diary entry should always be written in a formal, professional tone.

False. Diary entries are usually informal and conversational.

Give an example of 'emotive language' you might use to describe a surprise party.

Words like 'thrilled', 'astonished', 'joyful', or 'overwhelmed'.

What must you include at the very top of a diary entry?

The date (and sometimes the time or location).

What is the purpose of a 'sign-off' in a diary?

To end the entry, often with a phrase like 'Goodnight' or 'Until tomorrow'.

If Pip the Bookworm finds a rare leaf, how should he describe it using sensory detail?

By describing how it looks, feels, smells, or sounds (e.g., 'the velvety, emerald-green leaf').