

A Day in the Life: Diary Writing with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To write a recount in the first person using a formal or informal diary style, including time adverbials and emotive language.

Imagine you are Leo the Lion. You have just returned from leading your friends on a grand adventure through the Whispering Woods. Use the structure below to record your thoughts and feelings about the day.

Dear Diary, I never imagined that today would turn into such an extraordinary expedition through the Whispering Woods.

Word bank: meanwhile · suddenly · unfortunately · breathtaking · courageously · anxious · eventually · the next moment · without warning

1. The Morning Start: How did the day begin? Start by describing the weather and how you felt as you set off... (2 marks)

2. The Main Event: What was the most exciting or surprising thing that happened during the journey? Use a time adverbial to start your sentence... (2 marks)

3. A Spot of Trouble: Did anything go wrong? Describe the challenge you faced and how you solved it... (2 marks)

4. The Reflection: How did you feel once the adventure was over? What did you learn about your friends today? (2 marks)

5. Looking Ahead: What are your plans for tomorrow? End your entry with a hopeful thought... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Try to include a rhetorical question in your reflection, such as 'How could I have known what was waiting around the corner?'