

Diary Discovery with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To identify the features of diary writing and understand the use of the first-person perspective and chronological order.

Read the short diary entry by Pip the Bookworm and answer the following 10 questions to test your knowledge of diary writing.

Monday 12th October. Dear Diary, today was a brilliant day! I spent the morning reading a giant book about ancient trees. My tummy rumbled, so I had a quick snack before heading to the forest to find some new words for my collection. I felt so happy when I discovered the word 'gossamer' on a spiderweb. I can't wait to see what tomorrow brings!

Word bank: chronological · first-person · past tense · emotions · reflection · informal · date · entry

1. 1. Which perspective is used in a diary entry? A) First-person (I/me/my)* B) Second-person (you) C) Third-person (he/she/they) D) None of the above (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A diary should always be written in chronological order. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which tense is most commonly used for diary writing? A) Future tense B) Present tense C) Past tense* D) Imperative (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the very first thing that should be written at the top of a diary entry? (1 mark)

5. 5. Why do writers include their feelings in a diary? A) To make it a formal report B) To show emotions and personal thoughts* C) To teach math D) To explain scientific facts (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: You should use very formal, scientific language in a personal diary. (1 mark)

7. 7. In the passage, what did Pip feel when finding the word 'gossamer'? (1 mark)

8. 8. Which of these is a typical feature of a diary? A) A recipe B) A list of instructions C) A date* D) A diagram (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the name of the caterpillar character who wrote this diary entry? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Diaries are meant to be a private record of your day. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the Bookworm sitting on a large leaf, writing in a small _____ notebook with a tiny pencil.



Extension challenge: Write a diary entry for tomorrow from the perspective of Max the Monkey. Describe how you solved a math puzzle and how much your lunch cost in £ (dollars and cents) at the forest market.