

# Mastering Diary Writing with Pip the Bookworm

*Learning objective: To understand the key features, structure, and tone required for effective diary writing in Class 5.*

Read the front of each flashcard and try to recall the definition or rule for diary writing. Flip the card to check your answer.

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| <b>Which person should a diary always be written in?</b>                                       | <b>What does 'chronological order' mean in a diary?</b>                                                    |
| The first person (using pronouns like I, me, my, we).                                          | Writing events in the order they actually happened, from start to finish.                                  |
| <b>Why do we use emotive language in a diary?</b>                                              | <b>What tense should a diary entry usually be written in?</b>                                              |
| To express how the writer felt about the events (e.g., 'I was absolutely devastated').         | The past tense, as you are recording events that have already finished.                                    |
| <b>Is the tone of a diary formal or informal?</b>                                              | <b>What must you include at the very top of a diary entry?</b>                                             |
| Informal, as if you are talking to a close friend or yourself.                                 | The date (and sometimes the time).                                                                         |
| <b>What is meant by 'reflective writing'?</b>                                                  | <b>What is an 'entry' in a diary?</b>                                                                      |
| Thinking back on an event and explaining your thoughts, opinions, or what you learned from it. | A single piece of writing covering one day or one specific event.                                          |
| <b>Give an example of an informal sign-off for a diary.</b>                                    | <b>Why might a writer use rhetorical questions in a diary?</b>                                             |
| 'Until tomorrow', 'Goodnight for now', or 'See you later'.                                     | To show they are wondering about something or exploring their own thoughts.                                |
| <b>How does Pip the Bookworm suggest you start a diary entry?</b>                              | <b>What are 'personal pronouns' and why are they important in diaries?</b>                                 |
| With a casual greeting, such as 'Dear Diary'.                                                  | Words like I, my, and mine, which show the diary belongs to the writer and is about their own experiences. |