

How to Write a Brilliant Diary

Keep your secrets safe and your memories alive with a diary!

- **Diaries are written in the first person.** Always use 'I', 'me', or 'my' to describe what you did.
- **Write in chronological order.** Start with what happened first in your day and end with what happened last.
- **Use the past tense.** Since you are writing about your day, use words like 'walked', 'ate', or 'saw'.
- **Add your feelings.** Tell your diary how you felt about your day—were you excited, nervous, or happy?
- **Include a date at the top.** This helps you remember exactly when your special adventure happened.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'diary' comes from the Latin word 'diarium', which means 'daily allowance' or 'daily record'. People have been keeping diaries for hundreds of years to remember their adventures!

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