

Max the Monkey's Adventurous Diary Template

Learning objective: To write a personal diary entry using first-person perspective, chronological order, and descriptive language appropriate for Year 5.

Today, you are going to help Max the Monkey record his latest jungle adventure. Use the sections below to structure your diary entry. Remember to use the first-person ('I'), include your thoughts and feelings, and write in the past tense. Use the word bank to add some extra 'sparkle' to your sentences!

Word bank: extraordinary · cautiously · astonishing · eventually · baffled · magnificent · suddenly · determined

1. The Opening: Date and Greeting. Write the date at the top and start your diary with a friendly, informal greeting to your diary or an imaginary reader. (2 marks)

2. The Hook: What was the main event today? Start by summarising the most exciting or surprising thing that happened to you in the jungle. (3 marks)

3. The Details: How did it happen? Describe the sequence of events. Use time conjunctions like 'afterwards', 'meanwhile', or 'following that' to keep your story in order. (4 marks)

4. Thoughts and Feelings: How did you feel during the adventure? Explain why you felt nervous, excited, or proud, and include your inner thoughts. (3 marks)

5. The Conclusion: Looking forward. How does the day end? Write a final sentence about what you hope to do tomorrow or a reflection on what you learnt. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Try to include at least one relative clause (starting with who, which, or where) to add more detail to your sentences about your day.