

A Winter's Tale: Creative Writing Diary Entry

Learning objective: To write a narrative diary entry from the perspective of a character experiencing a magical Christmas setting, using descriptive language and emotive vocabulary.

Imagine you are a character visiting a snowy village on Christmas Eve. Use your senses to describe the atmosphere, the sounds, and the festive preparations. Focus on show-don't-tell techniques and varied sentence structures to bring your diary entry to life.

Word bank: festive · shimmering · hallowed · anticipation · resplendent · melodious · frost-kissed · cosy · twinkling · bountiful

1. Setting the Scene: Describe the weather and the appearance of the village as you arrive. Use at least two adjectives to paint a vivid picture. (3 marks)

2. The Festive Atmosphere: Describe the sounds and smells that greet you. What can you hear or smell as you walk past the town square? (3 marks)

3. Character Emotion: How does your character feel about the upcoming festivities? Use an emotive verb to show their excitement or reflection. (2 marks)

4. A Magical Discovery: Describe one small, unusual, or magical object you found whilst exploring. Why is it significant to you? (4 marks)

5. Closing Thoughts: Write a concluding sentence for your diary entry that summarises your hopes for the next day, ensuring your tone remains consistent. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Rewrite one of your paragraphs using a formal tone as if you are a historian reporting on the village's traditions for a local archive.