

Year 5 English Assessment: The Art of Diary Writing

Learning objective: To demonstrate the ability to write in the first person, use chronological structure, and express internal thoughts and feelings in a diary entry.

Read the instructions carefully. Answer all questions in the spaces provided, using full sentences where appropriate. Ensure your tone is reflective and personal.

Pip the caterpillar crawled slowly across the dew-drenched leaf, reflecting on the day's journey. 'Dear Diary,' Pip wrote, 'the climb to the top of the Great Oak felt endless. My tiny legs ached, but the view of the starlit meadow from the canopy was worth every struggle. I felt a sense of immense accomplishment as I watched Nova the owl glide silently through the crisp night air.'

Word bank: Chronological · Reflective · First-person · Emotive language · Adverbials of time · Perspective · Sensory imagery

1. Identify the person and tense used in the passage provided. Explain why this is the standard style for a diary entry. (2 marks)

2. Find and copy two examples of 'adverbials of time' used in the passage. How do these help the reader understand the sequence of events? (3 marks)

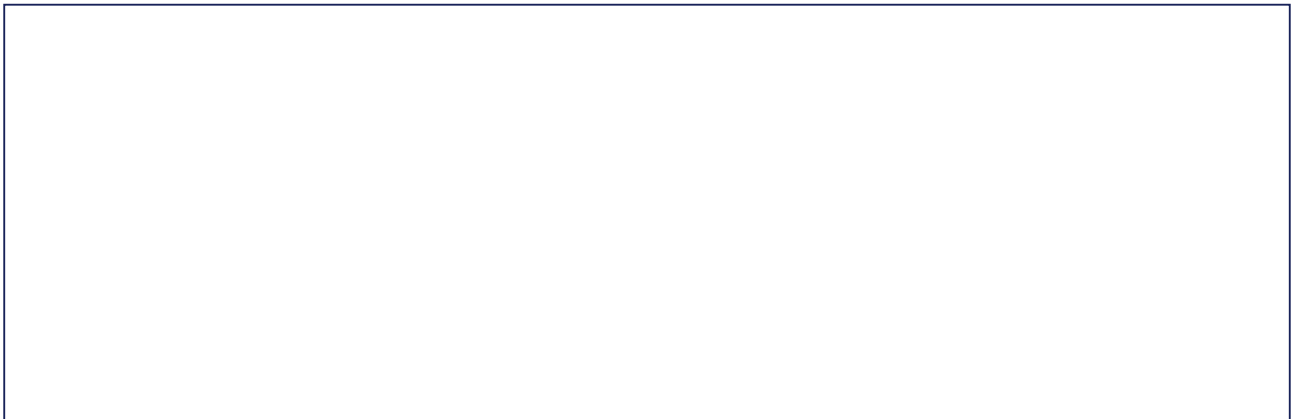
3. Why might a writer choose to include internal thoughts and feelings rather than just a list of events? Provide an example from the text to support your answer. (4 marks)

4. Compare and contrast a diary entry with a formal newspaper report. Identify two key differences in language and structure. (4 marks)

5. If Pip were to encounter a sudden, unexpected rainstorm during the climb, how would the tone of the diary entry change? Justify your answer using vocabulary related to atmosphere. (3 marks)

6. Extended Writing: Imagine you are Max the monkey, who has just successfully solved a complex mathematical puzzle that he has been working on for three days. Write a diary entry (approx. 80-100 words) describing the moment of success. Focus on his feelings and the process of his achievement. (9 marks)

Draw: Sketch a scene from the perspective of an explorer (like Finn the dolphin) recording their findings in a leather-bound diary, including sketches of the environment around them.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are writing a diary entry from the perspective of a historical figure, such as an explorer in the 1800s. What might happen if your diary was discovered by someone in the future? Write a short paragraph explaining the responsibility a diarist has to be truthful, and discuss the difficulties of maintaining a record during challenging circumstances.