Max’s Maths-Diary Adventure: A Quick Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the features, tone, and structure of diary writing according to the Year 3 English curriculum.

Read the questions carefully and answer them based on what you have learned about writing a diary entry. Remember to write in the first person!

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. Past tense, 4. B, 5. True, 6. First person, 7. C, 8. True, 9. False, 10. B

Word bank: First person · Chronological order · Past tense · Feelings · Date · Informal

1. 1. Max the monkey is writing his diary. Which of these should he always include at the top? A) The date*, B) His home address, C) A shopping list, D) A science experiment. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A diary is usually written in the first person, using words like 'I', 'me', and 'my'. (1 mark)

3. 3. If Max is writing about things that already happened yesterday, which tense should he use? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these is the best way to start a diary entry? A) Once upon a time, B) Dear Diary*, C) To whom it may concern, D) Dear Mum. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Diary entries should be written in chronological order (the order in which events happened). (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: A diary is a personal record of events, thoughts, and _____. (1 mark)

7. 7. Why might Max include his feelings in his diary? A) To make it long, B) To practice his spelling, C) To show how he felt about his day*, D) Because he likes drawing. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: You can use informal language in a diary because it is usually for your eyes only. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: You must always write a diary in a formal style, like a newspaper report. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which of these would be a good 'diary' sentence? A) The monkey climbed the tree, B) I climbed the tallest tree in the forest today!*, C) Trees are plants that grow in the ground, D) How many monkeys are in the tree? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting in a tree with a notebook and a pencil, writing about his favourite discovery of the day.

Extension challenge: Imagine you went on a secret adventure with Pip the caterpillar today. Write three short sentences in your own diary describing what you did, making sure to use the past tense!