Diary Discovery: A Creative Writing Quiz

Learning objective: To identify the key features, linguistic devices, and structural elements of effective diary writing.

Help Max the monkey organise his thoughts! Read the questions carefully and select the best answer to show off your diary-writing skills. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. A (First-person); 2. True; 3. B (Informal); 4. False (Diaries should be chronological); 5. Retrospective; 6. C (Emotive language); 7. False; 8. A (Date/Day); 9. True; 10. Feelings.

Word bank: First-person · Chronological · Reflective · Emotive · Informal · Tense · Retrospective

1. 1. Which point of view is used in a personal diary? A) First-person* B) Second-person C) Third-person D) Omniscient (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A diary entry is a private record of personal events and thoughts. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the typical tone of a diary entry? A) Formal B) Informal* C) Academic D) Scientific (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: Diary entries should be written in a random order rather than chronological order. (1 mark)

5. 5. If you are writing about an event that happened earlier that day, what is the correct term for this perspective: (Retrospective / Future)? (1 mark)

6. 6. Which of these helps a reader understand how the writer felt? A) Bullet points B) Technical jargon C) Emotive language* D) Statistics (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: You should always write your diary in the future tense. (1 mark)

8. 8. What is the most important piece of information to include at the top of an entry? A) Date/Day* B) Your address C) A bibliography D) The weather forecast (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Rhetorical questions can be used to make a diary entry more engaging. (1 mark)

10. 10. Diaries focus on events, but what else must they include to be truly reflective? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar writing in a small, secret journal under a giant leaf, illustrating one of his favourite memories from the day.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Max the monkey. Write a diary entry of 100 words describing a day where you tried to solve a maths puzzle using only items found in the jungle. Remember to include your personal feelings!