Diary Writing Mastery with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To understand the key features and language used when writing a personal diary entry.

Read each flashcard to learn about the features of a diary. Use these to help Pip the Bookworm write his daily journal entries.

What is the primary purpose of a diary entry?

A diary entry is a personal record written to describe events, thoughts, and feelings that happened during the day.

Which person should you use when writing a diary?

The first person (using words like 'I', 'me', 'my', and 'we').

What tense is usually used for a diary entry?

The past tense, because the events have already happened.

What does chronological order mean in a diary?

It means writing the events in the order they happened, from the start of the day to the end.

Name three examples of time conjunctions used to order events.

First, then, next, after that, suddenly, or meanwhile.

Why do we include 'emotive language' in a diary?

To describe how the writer felt about the events (e.g., 'I felt overjoyed when I found a new book').

What should always be at the top of a diary entry?

The date (and sometimes the time).

How would you describe the tone of a diary?

Informal, like you are talking to a friend or yourself.

If Pip writes 'Today was the best day ever', what is he expressing?

An opinion or a personal feeling about the day.

True or False: A diary entry must always be written in formal sentences for a teacher.

False. Diaries are personal and can include informal language and private thoughts.

What is a 'recount'?

A type of writing that retells events that have already happened.

What might you use to show the end of a diary entry?

A sign-off, such as 'See you tomorrow' or 'Goodnight'.