

ENGLISH

DIARY ENTRY

What is a Diary Entry?

A diary entry is a personal record of events and feelings affecting the writer. It is written for personal record and reflection; therefore, it may not always be objective in its view. It almost always details the events occurring in the present. It includes facts, observations, perceptions and descriptions all according to the writer's world view.

Format of a Diary Entry

Day & Date:

Time:

Heading (Optional)

Dear Diary,

Main Body

Concluding Line

Name

Tips for Writing a Diary Entry

- The word limit of a diary entry is 150 words. Everything you wish to say should be encompassed within this limit.
- Remember that a diary entry is not a documentary. Include only those things which were the highlight of the day.
- Spend a few moments going over the entire day and categorising the events which affected you the most.
- Focus on the emotions, feelings and thoughts that the day's event(s) triggered.
- Use a personal confessional tone as the entry is a record of your personal life and past.
- Maintain the correct chronological order while noting things. Avoid skipping from one thought to the other.
- An anticipatory note at the end of the entry looking forward to the following day is a good way of concluding it.
- Use grammatically correct sentences and avoid spelling mistakes. Also avoid using long complex sentences.

Sample Diary Entries

SAMPLE 1

Monday, 27th September 2014
9:00 PM

Railway Ruckus

Dear Diary,

Today, I went to the railway station with my father to book tickets for a trip to Kolkata. After struggling with the noisy hoards for almost two hours, we were told that the tickets were sold out. The two hours spent felt like a huge waste of time. There was no order and it looked like a big fish market. My father believes that the tickets were sold in black which is why they were over so soon. I couldn't believe such things happen even today. It is a disgrace to our country that such works continue despite the new policies and rules which keep coming up every other day. If this is the case, the future of our country is seriously endangered.

Suraj

SAMPLE 2

Monday, 27th April 2015
9:00 PM

First Aid at Recess

Dear Diary,

Today during recess, I saw a small girl falling on the ground and hurting her knee. I immediately ran to her, helping her stand up. But she fell once again as I saw her knee bleeding continuously. The little girl's friends were so scared that they stood frozen on the spot. We could not carry her to the first floor school office quickly as the corridors were crowded with school children. So, instead we removed our handkerchiefs and ties and added pressure on her wound, tying them as tightly as we could around her knee. By the time the bell rang, indicating the end of the recess, we had managed to take the wounded crying girl to the office and left her in the safe hands of the teacher in charge of first aid.

Jyoti

SAMPLE 3

Sunday, 18th December 2015

10.00 PM

Parents Day Celebration

Dear Diary,

We celebrated parent's day in the school today. This was the first time that every student in our school went up to the stage. It sure required a great deal of hardwork and dedication on every one's part. However, the end result was worth every drop of our sweat. The parents were exceptionally proud of their children. The play was a musical, and every child got the chance to play a substantial role, be it singing, acting or dancing. When I look back at the inception of this project about three months back, I cannot believe that we achieved so much in such a short while. Every student right from the nursery kids to the ones in their final year performed like a professional. Their confidence and focus was commendable. Not one slip in the act was noticed through the three-hour play. I am extremely proud to be a teacher at Model High School.

Seema

SAMPLE 4

Monday, 19th October 2015

8.30 PM

New English Teacher

Dear Diary,

A new English teacher has taken over our class since last Monday. Her name is Ms Leticia D'Costa. While introducing herself, she told us that she had a postgraduate degree in English Literature from the University of Mumbai. It sounded very fancy and prestigious when she said it. She has a passion for the language which is evident in her teaching. Two other teachers have already given up on our unruly class, but Ms D'Costa exhibited equanimity while dealing with us. Although we were initially sceptical, she won us over by her refreshing approach to teaching in the first class itself. She encouraged us to think critically to solve problems and stressed on punctuality. She even spotted the weak students in class and ensured them that she will help them overcome their fears and score well. Though it has only been a week, she has already become my favourite teacher.

Komal

SAMPLE 5

Sunday, 8th June 2015
8.15 PM

To Old Age Home they Go

Dear Diary,

Today my neighbours admitted their parents to an old age home in Andheri. They claim that the decision was made for the betterment of the old couple. The children do not have time to take good care of their parents and believe that the management at the old age home will do a better job of it. Moreover, they believe that they do not have the knowledge required to take care of the aged in their family. This justification got me thinking. How difficult is it to learn the needs of our parents with whom we have been living since our birth? We are people of many words. We have the skills to justify even the worst decisions, but sadly we don't have the 'knowledge required' to take care of our old parents—those parents who didn't undergo training to understand our needs when we were little.

Raj

SAMPLE 6

Wednesday, 22nd August 2015
9.50 PM

Sports Club Workshop

I attended the sports club workshop today. Frankly, I hate these workshops. I really do not get the point of sitting in those closed rooms discussing the performance of players and planning strategies. I am a sportsman, and I know that the best plans and strategies ever are formulated only on a sports field. It is only when one is ready to get down and dirty that he can achieve his goals. I have played many games already to know that a person's merit cannot be judged by his scores on paper. Only when we play together do we become aware of each other's merits and our team's strengths. I will definitely not attend any of these workshops again. Besides, I'm sure our team's performance speaks for itself. Also, we have an important match coming up. We will be facing a tough opponent in the next match, and we need all the time we can get to practise for it.

Atul

SAMPLE 7

Wednesday, 1st July 2015
10.00 PM

Storytelling Competition

Today, my school principal made a very interesting announcement. She said that the school is organising a storytelling competition. An outline will be given to all of us, based on which we have to write a short story. The last day for handing in our stories is the 31st of August. Three best stories from each standard will be selected and published in the school magazine. Moreover, the top five stories will be shortlisted from the selected lot and their authors will receive exciting prizes. Isn't this great news? My mom says that I am a very good story teller and I have a good chance of winning. I cannot wait for the outline to be released. Rumour has it that the top five story tellers will be sent for a fiction workshop to be held in Delhi next year. It sounds like a great opportunity, whoever wins will get a chance of a lifetime.

Anika

SAMPLE 8

Friday, 10th July 2015
8.30 PM

Mummy's Birthday Tomorrow

Dear Diary,

Tomorrow is mummy's birthday. I am so excited about it that I cannot even stay still for a moment. But this will not do. I will have to pretend like I do not remember it. It will not do for her to realise that we know it's her birthday. We have a surprise planned for her. My elder sister Jyoti has baked a chocolate cake which she learnt to make in her cooking class. We have hidden it in our room. My brother and I made a card and handmade decorations. Jyoti says that we will be having lunch in a hotel and later go to watch a movie. She has it all planned out. It sounds very exciting I can't wait for these few hours to pass by. We have to pretend that we are sleeping now so that mom can go to sleep as well. Good night.

Mahi

SAMPLE 9

Friday, 24th April 2015
8.50 PM

Last Day of School

Dear Diary,

Today was the last day of school. Our final results were also declared today. Most of the students were tensed about the results. But I had no worries as all my papers went well. As expected, I passed with good grades. After the results, we had a lot of fun. With no lessons left, we had the entire day to our selves. The entire school looked like a playground with children playing games in every possible place. Many of us exchanged our phone numbers along with good wishes for the vacations. We also purchased new books for the following year. I will be going to stay with my granny for a few days. It's going to be very exciting. I can't wait for tomorrow.

Rohit

SAMPLE 10

Wednesday, 6th May 2015
9.05 PM

Granny's Place during Vacations

Dear Diary,

We reached our granny's place this evening about 7 pm. My granny was very happy to see us. She loves us a lot and always complains that we do not visit her often enough. The journey was fun. I love the scenery visible while travelling by trains. The canteen food is also very delicious. The journey took eight hours but did not seem so long with all the fun we had. We sang songs and played games all the way. We were a little tired by the time we reached, but the exhaustion vanished as soon as we met granny and our cousins here. My aunty cooked a very grand and delicious dinner for us. I ate so much that I cannot keep my eyes open any more. I am sure I will fall asleep any moment now. Anyway, all of us will be going fishing tomorrow. Good night!

Rohit