

# ENGLISH: DIARY WRITING

## WORKSHEETS

Each day, use the checklist below to ensure your diary entry has the correct features of a diary.

**Date** – Monday 29th June 2020

**First Person** – I , we , us , my etc.

**Past tense** – were, had, opened, etc.

**Interesting introduction** – “Well that was one of the best days ever!”

**Chronological order** – means the order of the events.

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### Diary Writing Checklist

#### Did I...

	Child	Friend
include the date and/or time? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
write in the first person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
use past tense for the main events? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
include an introduction to set the scene?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
tell events in chronological order?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
include personal emotions and feelings? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
use time conjunctions and adverbials (e.g. after that, before lunch, until sunset)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Example 1

Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>

We've finally got one! My mum has been trying to persuade my dad for ages to get a dog and he has always thought of a hundred reasons why we shouldn't get one. I think my mum had almost given up. Well today after we had all got home and were having a snack, there was a knock at the door. I opened it and there was a big box on the door step. I was a bit worried at first because there was no one there but mum and dad came towards the door too and dad was at the back telling me to open it. So then I opened the box and there inside, looking quite confused and shy was a gorgeous black puppy with a red bow around her neck! I picked her up and brought her into the house. Our house is quite small and not really set up for dogs! There are lots of ornaments everywhere. She scurried around our living room knocking a few things over and then we gave her some food. I felt so happy because I haven't got any brothers and sisters and I have wanted to get a dog for a long time. We decided to call her 'Surprise'.

## Example 2

### Challenge: use paragraphs

**Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Well that was one of the best days ever! Today I went to an amazing waterpark on a school trip and we stayed in the swimming pools for almost the entire day! I was really excited about the trip yesterday and when we arrived I wasn't disappointed – the park was massive with slides and flumes everywhere you looked. The best bit was a kind of structure that you could climb up and walk around – there were buckets and water guns you could use to try and soak people who were underneath you.

After we had got changed and when we first got in to the pool, my friend and I headed straight for the biggest flume ride called the 'Master Blaster'. I was a little nervous about going on it because I hadn't been on anything like that before but I felt glad to be on the same rubber ring as my friend. The ride was amazingly fast and at one point, there was no light so that as you went round and round, you felt like you were travelling to the centre of the Earth. We loved it so much we kept going back to the top until we had ridden on it five times in a row.

Next we wanted to try another flume ride – one that you had to ride on your own by sitting in a yellow ring. By the time we did this I was feeling confident about the flumes but as I sat at the top I didn't feel properly balanced in the ring. Before I knew it I was shooting down the slide and slipping off the ring at the same time. Then, as the slide turned a sharp corner, the ring slipped out from under me and I bashed my head on the side of the tube! I managed to grab the ring but I couldn't get on it again and after a couple of dodgy corners I was just glad to see the daylight of the plunge pool at the bottom. The lifeguard had seen the incident on his monitor so he got me some ice for my head and I sat there for a while watching the others come down. It put me off going on the flumes for a while, but after about 5 minutes I was ready to go again!

I can't wait to go back, but I must remember two key things that happen if you DO stay in a swimming pool all day – 1. Your hands will be wrinkled like a very old person's 2. You will be very tired. I am!

Monday

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