



TUESDAY 12TH
JANUARY

LO: To be able to identify key features of a diary



This week you will be learning how to write a diary entry.

- You will look at how to be successful in writing one and then write one from the viewpoint of the small Billy Goat Gruff and the Troll.

First remind yourselves of the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.'

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QzT1sq6kCY>

Key features of a diary entry

When you write a diary entry, you are writing about a day in the life of a real person or character.

The diary entry needs to sound as if the person or character has written it, so it needs to be written from their point of view.

It also needs to be exciting
and interesting to read.

To get this right,
just follow a few easy steps...

Include the date/time

- The date or time can be written at the top of the page or it can be included in the first few sentences of a diary entry like this...
'It is past midnight but I am still wide awake because my day has been so exciting.'
- This is important because it tells the reader exactly **when** the diary is being written.

Be written in the past tense

- When we write a diary, we write in the past tense. This is because we are writing about something that has already happened.

Look at the sentence below. How would you change it into the past tense?

I can not sleep very well as I am so excited about my birthday party! I wake up at 5am and get dressed...

Use the words 'I', 'my', 'we' and 'our' (Personal Pronouns)

These words are special because they tell us the diary is being written **by** someone and they are talking about **themselves**.

We call this kind of writing '**first person**'.

Put the most important events in order

In a diary, we usually write about the events of our day in the order they happened, starting with what we did first when we woke up and finishing with the end of our day.

Describe feelings

A diary is usually a secret place to write how you feel about what has happened to you in the day.

In a diary, you might include feelings, hopes or fears that you wouldn't want anyone to know about.

Use time conjunctions

A diary is usually describing lots of events. To make sense of when these events happened it is helpful to include time linking words, such as 'next', 'first' and 'then'.

E.g: First I scrubbed the deck. Next I stood for attention whilst the captain talked to me.

Your work today...

Have a read of the example diary that you will find on the next slide.

Underline (or highlight in colour pencils) each part of the success criteria you can find. Make sure you are labelling too. E.g, if you see a word such as 'I' label it saying it is a personal pronoun.

I can't wait to see your work, please email it to me at gdearle@kingsavenue.lambeth.sch.uk 😊