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## DIARY ENTRY

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Diary writing is a personal kind of writing. It usually involves the regularized recording of personal feelings and reflections on a topic. It facilitates growth of self awareness and self reliance.

### **FORMAT**

1. Day/date -at the extreme left corner.
2. Contents in an easy flowing language

Date: *Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March.*

**Introduction:** Could be a general comment on how the day was. For instance, *Today was a great day!* or *Today was a boring day.*

**Body:** This is the main part of the diary entry. This part involves a lot of things which provoked you to write the particular entry. This contains the events and actions involved in your reason to write the entry. You should describe what happened to you or your personal feelings about something or someone. You could also write about your future plans in this part. It is written in the first person in a chatty friendly language. Stress on feelings, emotions, and reactions rather than on the event itself.

**Conclusion:** The diary entry can be concluded with a comment about the day. For instance-*It was overall an exciting day or the situation at that moment or I am really tired now, after a long day at work*

### **POINTS TO REMEMBER**

- Write in chronological order to relate events as they happen.
- If you're new to diary writing, make sure that you start recording the events of your life in a way that will help you to reflect on them later.
- The best way to do this is relating them from the start of your day to the end.  
Insert your feelings about these events.
- Creativity, imagination and expression in diary writing are tested.
- You should write as if you have really been a part of the situation.
- It is written in the first person.

### **SAMPLE**

You are going on a school picnic with your classmates and teachers. You are very excited. The night before the trip you sit down to write your diary. Describe in about 150 words what you have planned for the picnic and how you hope to enjoy yourself there. You are Jitendra/Jayashree Malik.

Friday, 22 June 2014

I am feeling very excited tonight. I am going on a picnic tomorrow with my classmates. Some of our teachers will also accompany us. We have been planning for this trip ever since our principal gave us permission a month ago.

We are going to Nehru Park. It has a large ground where children can run around and play freely. I have packed some food items including potato chips and chocolates. My mother has made a dozen sandwiches and a cake. My friends will also be bringing some food, and we shall all share and eat. I am also carrying my cricket bat with me. We plan to play a match. I feel I just cannot go to sleep tonight. I keep imagining all the fun that we are going to have tomorrow.

But mother came into the room just now and warned me that if I do not go to sleep now, I might fall asleep at the picnic! As if that is ever going to happen! But maybe she's right. So, good night!

### **PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

1. You are a 15-year old boy/girl. You are fed up as your Board exams are around the corner. Your parents aren't allowing you to go to any parties at the moment because of your exams. Write a diary entry in about 120-150 words.
2. Walking home today, you saw a man selling parrots in cages. Tempted to buy one, you decided to stop on your way back and pick up one. You thought you'd feed it green chillies and teach it to speak. But a poem you read about birds flying in the open sky changed your mind and you decided to buy the bird and set it free. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings in about 120 words.