

1. Diary entry

A diary entry is a personal piece of writing about your day-to-day experiences and events. It may be written in a few lines, or in a few pages, depending on how much you want to write.

Writing a diary is a great way of expressing one's feelings and of maintaining a record of the changes that happen in one's life. It also helps one to become more expressive in writing.

Since a diary entry is personal and informal, there is no set format to write it. Yet, it must contain the date on which it is being written. You may also mention the time and place of making the entry.

FORMAT

Date

Dear Diary (optional)

Beginning of entry

Reference to events and feelings

Conclusion

SAMPLE

Imagine that your final exams got over today. You got together with your friends in the evening and made plans for the short break ahead. Write a diary entry about your day.

Friday, 20 June 2008 9:00 p.m.

Dear Diary

Today was my English exam, this session's last exam. I was a little nervous in the morning, but as soon as I began writing it, I was fine.

The paper was not difficult at all. My friends and I couldn't wait to get out of the classroom when the paper was over. We walked to the school canteen and discussed the paper over some snacks. The exams were finally over! We were all so happy!

Later in the evening we met again for a basketball match. Rahul's team won. (I think we need to practise more often if we want to win.) This Saturday, my friends and I are going for a movie in the evening. We might plan a picnic for next week. This break is going to be great!

However, don't you think, Dear Diary, that I should do something for my parents too? After all, without their support and guidance I wouldn't have been able to come this far! Perhaps, Puran (my brother) and I can organize a surprise dinner for them. Oh! I can't wait to see the happy, surprised look on their faces!