

# ENGLISH

**Grammar:** Diary Entry



## 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 categorise 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

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### Sample 1

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
8.38 PM

Tuck shop

Dear Diary,

We had tuck shop in school today. My mom made chutney sandwiches which I sold at our stall. Everyone loved them, and they were sold out in no time. My team contained three more girls—Ashwini, Sneha and Jyoti. Ashwini got samosas, Sneha got dhokla and Jyoti got bread pudding. Everything looked so delicious that we felt like eating all of it ourselves. So, we kept a little bit of everything aside for us. We made Rs 365 from the sale of our food items. The money collected from the tuck shop will be used to fund those children who cannot afford to pay the fees or buy school books. We were very proud of our effort.

Gauri

### Sample 2

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
8.38 PM

Singing at the annual day celebration

Dear Diary,

Today at the morning assembly we were all asked to participate in the annual day celebration. This year our school is planning to have a musical. Almost one-third of the school is a part of this novice endeavour. I tried my luck at singing and the teachers loved my song. They selected me at once. We will be singing the opening and the closing song and a few more in the middle. The songs are a little difficult, but I am sure that with practice we will be able to perfect them. The annual day will be held in September. This means that we have only two months to practise. We will be having one hour's singing practice every morning. We will have to work very hard, but it will be a great experience.

Anida

### Sample 3

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
9.26 PM

Craft Workshop Today

Dear Diary,

I went for my first craft workshop today. It was very enjoyable. I was a little afraid at first, as I had no other friends there. But once the class started, there was no time left for such small worries. I learned to make different types of flowers out of paper today. Tomorrow, we will be learning to decorate and colour flower pots. We will also be learning to make decorative and useful items for our houses like wall hangings, pen stands, notice boards and photo frames. Mummy said that the flowers I made are very beautiful. It made me very happy. I can't wait for tomorrow.

Amrita

**Sample 4**

Friday, 19<sup>nd</sup> June 2015  
8.25 PM

**A Very Rainy Day**

Dear Diary,

It was awfully gloomy today. The blanketing clouds poured steadily all through the day making me drowsy all day long. It's sad that our vacations end right before the rains. If it was a holiday I would have loved the gloomy weather, but unfortunately wishes are not horses. I had to attend school, then tuitions and finally football practice. The thought of the football practice in the rain was the only thing that kept me going all through the day. I'm glad my mom encouraged me to play football. At first, I did not like it much, but since I've got a hang of it, it's become impossible to separate me from the sport. The pouring rain and the mud puddles just add to the fun. We will be playing the blue team tomorrow. It will be a tough match but I'm sure we will win. I cannot wait.

Raju

**Sample 5**

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
8.30 PM

**Trip to the Vegetable Garden**

Dear Diary,

Today I had great fun at school. Our class teacher took us to the vegetable garden this morning where we saw a large number of saplings lined up in one corner. She instructed us to pair up and pick one sapling per pair. Then she taught us how to plant them. It was a very nice experience. For once we were allowed to dirty our hands in the mud. The teacher herself sat by, watching over us all the time.

She then told us that our sapling was our responsibility from now on. Like us, they were also tender and needed protection and care. From now on every day we have to go and look after our own saplings. We have to tend to them and take care of them.

Manju

**Sample 6**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015

8.50 PM

Advice to live by

Dear Diary,

I met an old lady in the park by my school this morning. I was there because I was expelled from the class for not completing my home work. I was crying bitterly for the pressure of my final year was catching up to me. Try as I might, I am constantly lagging in some subject or the other. With the amount of class work and home work we are given, it is impossible to catch up. But the teachers just don't seem to understand; couple that with the pressure from my parents, I feel like I'm living in a furnace. That's when the kind old lady approached me and gave me a small piece of advice. She explained to me how winning should not be the only goal of our lives. Moreover, she said that victory at the cost of our health and happiness brings losses in the long run. I've heard words like these before too. But hearing them coming from an old lady whose eyes reflected that they were words from her own experience had a different effect all together.

Alok

**Sample 7**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

7.55 PM

Teacher's Day Celebration

Dear Diary,

As I told you before, today we celebrated teacher's day in school. This year's celebration was different in many ways. Apart from the many songs and dances performed, we also enacted the lives of famous people around the world who taught us great things like Anne Sullivan, E. R. Braithwait, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr Radhakrishnan and Savitribai Phule. The programme ended with a presentation on the teachings of various religious texts. Thus, we highlighted the universality of secular teaching. Everyone loved the show and praised us for our endeavour.

Sakahi

**Sample 8**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015

9.00 AM

## Presenting my dream

Dear Diary,

Today is the day I present my big idea before the board. I am professionally an accountant, but very few people know that I am also qualified to be a college lecturer. Since I suggested a few changes to make our product more user friendly the last time, I have been asked to present my ideas before the team. I have been working on this for a week now and am pretty sure that the result is good to go. I hope for a positive feedback from the board. I have worked with school students for a short while right after completing my studies and have a good understanding of the needs of students. This project is my dream and its acceptance will take me to a totally different level in my career. I always wanted to work for the improvement of the education system, but my family commitments prevented me from working actively in that area. This opportunity has come walking towards me so to speak. I cannot wait any longer to stand before the board tomorrow.

**Sample 9**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015

9.30 PM

## Robbery at the Station

Dear Diary,

Today while returning from school I saw an old lady being robbed while boarding the train at Dadar. The thief who was following her boarded the train after her. When the train was about to start, he snatched her gold chain and jumped into the train adjacent to us. Before the old lady figured out what exactly happened, the thief jumped off that train too and absconded. The lady was too shaken by the event and collapsed to the floor soon after. The train had to be stopped at the next station so that medical aid could be given to her and a complaint lodged. Many helpful ladies got down with her and helped her. I too was terrified by this and came home as quickly as I could. Mother says such occurrences are very common and that the lady was very lucky not to be seriously injured.

Komal

## Sample 10

Friday, 9th October 2015

7.50 AM

New Home, New School

Dear Diary,

Today was my first day at school. Since we recently shifted to this city, everything here is new to me. It is a little difficult and often frustrating to get adjusted to everything, especially the people. School was great though. My biggest struggle today was to find my class before the assembly began. Once I succeeded in wading through the swarms of students everything was fine. For the most part, the day was uneventful, except for me being asked to introduce myself over and over again by every teacher that came. I made a few new friends too. Raman, my bench partner, plays football. He invited me to play with him after school but I had to decline since I hadn't informed mom. I will go tomorrow though. I am sure I'll have great fun. I have already begun to like this place.

Rajni