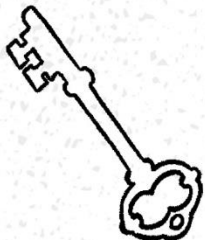


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Creative Writing Competition
For 7-12 Year-olds

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Today you are going to:

- Learn about a style of writing called a 'mini saga'
- Learn how to write a diary entry
- Use adjectives to add interest to your writing
- Plan, draft and write a mini saga for 'The Incredible Diary Of...' creative writing competition
- Have fun with creative writing!



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Firstly, you're going to watch a video that introduces the activity:

<https://youtu.be/ovzTFHpod5k>



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What is a diary?

A diary entry can be a recount of something you have done, an imaginary scenario or a mix of both!

- Diaries are written in past tense, about something that has already happened (whether it's real or imaginary!)
- Diaries must use personal pronouns e.g. I / we etc
- Diaries are written in chronological order
- Diaries are written in chatty, informal (colloquial) language
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Read some examples to help you think
about your own diary entry



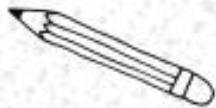
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Dear Diary,

What a journey I've had coming halfway across the world! Right now, I'm sitting on my suitcase at a station in London watching the trains come in. There's ever such a lot of smoke, I hope people can see me here! I've had to snuggle into my blue coat and red hat as it's much colder here than home, but I'm sure I'll get used to it. This travelling business is hungry work, I think I'll have something to eat while I think about what to do next. Luckily I've brought my favourite sandwiches with me...marmalade!

Who wrote this diary?

A: Puddington Bear



Dear Diary,

I've had an extremely stressful, pain day! It all started when I was taken out of my home, along with my yellow friends. I was then picked up by a man all in white who squeezed me, prodded me and bounced me up and down. Talk about rude! Next he threw me in the air (that felt good!) and then a great big circle with a stick on the end whacked me in the most painful way (that did not feel good!) Bruised, I flew over some sort of net, bounced and was hit by a similar object. This happened a further five times until, finally, I landed on the grass. I'm safely back now in my cylinder-shaped home with my equally used and disgruntled friends fuming!

Who wrote this diary?

A: A tennis ball



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Dear Diary,

Today was a tough day. I had to go to the Mushroom Kingdom to help out some of the Toads. I'm glad that I had my brother with me because, when we arrived, we saw fire everywhere! The Koopa King had attacked! We ran through the Mushroom Kingdom towards the palace, but the princess wasn't there! An old Toad looked at us and told us that she was in another castle. I need to save her, so I'll set off in the morning with my green brother and our little green dinosaur friend.

Who wrote this diary?

A: Mario



Dear Diary,

Books let me escape, they're wonderful things. They let me explore exciting lands and find where I really belong which is something special because I know I certainly don't belong in my family. They don't love to read, they don't love to learn, in fact, all they love is watching TV... But, I have exciting news! Dad said I can start school tomorrow, a place I've never been! I wonder what it will be like...

Who wrote this diary?

A: Matilda



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Whiteboard activity:

- Split into groups and choose an item from the classroom to write a short paragraph from the object's point of view.
- You can write a real diary event or a fictional one.
- If you choose to write about a real event, consider how you can make the entry exciting to read – think about the language, tone and format.
- E.g. If your item was a pen, the pen could be chewed by a child, dropped on the floor and roll under the trays, then do some writing. Or if you opt for an imaginary day the pen could belong to a spy and go on a thrilling adventure!



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- Take it in turn to read your entry to the rest of the class
- Discuss and agree on the best sentence in each entry's paragraph.



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- As a class, discuss who or what would make a great subject to write about.
- No idea is wrong, too weird or too wonderful!
- From a leaf or a unicorn to a wizard or an inventor, let your imagination run riot!



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Top 5 Diary Tips!

Here are the 5 key points that you need to remember when writing your diary:

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It's Peer Assessment Time!

- Work with a partner
- Read your diary entry to them. They will provide you with feedback; something they like and something that can be improved
- You need to then do the same for them
- Edit your work as necessary
- Include your name and age on your entry form before handing it to your teacher

