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SENIOR SECTION
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
CLASS IX



DIARY ENTRY

Date :

Diary writing is one of the most personal and informal category of writing. Diary writing usually involves the regularized recording of personal feelings and reflections on a topic. It facilitates growth of self-awareness and self-reliance. Written in the solitude on blank pages, writers can reflect on their life experience, contemplate future directions and come to trust their own answers. Sometimes the events of the day leave one with a sense of joy or hurt or even anger which one can give vent to, through a brief diary recording, usually, at the end of the day.

Diary writing involves more than just a straightforward recording of thoughts about a subject or a set of headings. Since diary writing is very confidential, the writer is at liberty to condemn, curse or praise anyone, without fear or apprehensions. Generally, diary is used to bounce off ideas, to unburden oneself. However it can be regarded as a sign of personal growth. An entry is made in the diary, so that, the day with its accompanying emotions may be remembered.

FORMAT

Since diary writing is very personal, it follows no set rules. However the following points can be mentioned.

- Date/Day/Time
- A suitable heading
- Contents in an impersonal manner
- Words like 'Dear Diary' can be used. Some writers address the diary with a particular name.
- Your name.

CONTENTS

1. Write the diary in first person since this is your personal story on account of an event.
2. Write the events in the correct order. Day, date, time.
3. Provide important details of the place, time, people, or things that were part of the event.
4. Write about your feelings in detail and explain why you feel that way.
5. The first sentence should be catchy. Express feelings of joy, sorrow, sadness, surprise, anger, worry, fear or disappointment.
6. It should be honest and truthful observation of people or oneself.
7. It's not a story but a personal statement of one's feelings and expression of his / her reactions to the incident / turn of events and the behavior of the persons related.
8. You should record or write something that really inspires you and which you would like to read later.
9. Diary is an expression of feelings before the event, during and after.
10. Sum it up with a line of follow up to be done from the experience, later Name.

SAMPLE

Imagine you are Janvi. Make a diary entry expressing your feelings of contentment on being selected the captain of your college ' Hockey Team.'

Thursday, 25 March 2018

9 :00 p.m.

Today, was an exciting and an eventful day for me. It was a dream come true, in every aspect.

I had been selected as the captain of the college 'Hockey Team.' My joy knew no bounds when my coach announced my name in the college today. I felt my tears on my cheeks as I was heartily congratulated by my friends and team mates. I just couldn't believe that I would now lead my team in all the inter- college matches. I am truly happy. I know I have to work harder for the success of my team from now on, and I will give it my all.

I whole-heartedly thank God and my parents, for the blessings that give me the strength to face tough challenges.

Janvi

PRACTICE QUESTIONS :

1. Your friend has behaved very selfishly in the canteen today and so you are very upset. Write a diary entry in 100-120 words.
2. You lied to your parents and went out with your friends, to watch a new movie in town. You now feel very guilty about it. You decide to record your feelings in the form of a Diary Entry. Express your feelings in 100-120 words.
3. You had the opportunity to visit a school for the blind. Record your feelings through a diary entry about this visit today, in 100- 120 words.