

## DIARY ENTRY

A diary is a personal record of your experiences, thoughts and emotions.

- A diary may be given a specific name as e.g. “Kitty” in The diary of Anne Frank. See additional notes about Anne Frank for enrichment only. Do not study the information!
- Write the day and date at the top of the entry. This is compulsory for every entry.
- Write in the first person (I, me, my, mine).
- Write in the present tense in order to capture the moment. Write in the past tense to relate events that have already happened.
- Short paragraphs with simple sentences are often effective.
- Emotive language is used to express opinions and feelings.
- Informal/colloquial language may be used.
- Occasional use of punctuation adds conviction e.g. question marks and exclamation marks. (Remember that overuse kills!)
- You may wish to use diagrams, sketches and cartoons to add a personal touch and visual appeal.

Additional notes:

What is Emotive language?

Emotive language is word choice that is used to evoke emotion. Some words evoke a strong emotional reaction in the majority of readers or listeners.

Writers use emotive language in order to have a greater emotional impact on their audience.

Examples: appalling, heavenly, magic

An **innocent** bystander was **murdered** in **cold blood**.

Colloquial language (Colloquialism)

Casual communication.