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DIARY ENTRY

Diaries are extremely popular. All sorts of people ranging from young children to presidents of nations have kept them. Diary writing is a short composition that records the writer's thoughts, reactions and feeling about the activities which he or she has taken part during a particular day. It helps give an outlet to emotions which the writer is not able to confide in to friends or family. A diary is generally meant to be read by anyone else than the writer.

A diary can be a friend, a confidant, a tool that supports feelings, a facilitator of clarity in thoughts, or just a collection of dreams and what the writer imagines. More often than not, people find great comfort in writing a diary during their most stressful periods. A sterling example of such a diary is the diary kept by Anne Frank, a Jewish girl, during more than two years in hiding during the Second World War.

Features of a Diary Entry:

A diary entry has the following features:

1. It is written in informal and creative language, but still follows a specific format.
2. It is always written in first person and in the past tense, as it is a record.
3. It usually starts with the day of the week, date and time (usually at the end of the day) at the top left corner.
4. This may be followed by a greeting similar to "Dear Diary"
5. The important events of the day are usually recounted in chronological order, using vivid descriptions where necessary.
6. The entry may include the writer's state of mind, comments on the events and/or a final comment about expectations of the future.
7. It ends with the writer writing his or her first name.

Points to be kept in mind:

- Language must be informal.
- Use short sentences and record different happenings in different paragraphs.
- Stress more on emotions and feelings than on the actual events.
- Maintain the word limit of the entry (excluding date/time, greeting and writer's name) to within 100-150 words.

Format of Diary Entry

Imagine that you recently went to Rishikesh for two days. You did river rafting with your cousins. You also learned tips on river rafting. Write a diary entry in 100-150 words using the verbal clues given below:

Rishikesh visit- rapids in Ganga-wondering-beauty- river rafting- jaw dropping experience

Monday, 17th June, 20XX

10:00 PM

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Dear Diary

I had a wonderful experience during my last week's Rishikesh visit. I had heard a lot about the rapids in the Ganga there and wanted to see them first hand. After a long wait, when my father finally told me that we were going to Rishikesh, I was on cloud nine! I kept on wondering about the activities we would participate in there.

My excitement was doubled when my cousins also agreed to go with me.

Day and Date – always start with Day, followed by date to be written in full. The next line should be the time of the diary entry.

Greeting – Always Dear Diary

Body of the diary – grab the reader's attention, explain what it is about and why it is important. Should consist of at least 3 paragraphs keeping word limit in mind.

I was so impatient and wanted to leave for Rishikesh as soon as possible. On arrival, I was fascinated by the beauty Of the hills. The clear and cold water of the river enthralled me. We did river rafting as planned. It was fabulous and I have pictures to prove it. After three hours of rafting we returned to our hotel, totally tired out. Though I had been scared at times, it was a jaw dropping experience. Altogether, I had mixed feelings when we left for home. I was excited to return but I didn't want this holiday to come to an end.

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Name of the writer and Signature –
signing off with greeting and name

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Q.1 You are a student of class 8th. You and your classmates went for a two-day school trip to Solan on the occasion of Children's Day. You had a memorable experience with your two best friends and class teacher. Describe your experience in a diary entry in 100-150 words.

Ans. Saturday, 5 June, 20XX
10:00 pm.

Dear Diary,

Hi! I am back from my two-day trip to Solan. It was a blast! As you know, my best friends are from Shimla. So, they had an opportunity to visit their dear old hills.

We embarked on our journey by bus at 6 in the morning. On our way to the campsite, we played some games on the bus and sang our favourite tunes. When we arrived, we were welcomed with aloo parantha and butter as our breakfast. Then we went on and did some sporty activities. My fear of heights kept me from enjoying that. On the next day, we explored the market and bought some souvenirs. Our strict class teacher was somehow pretty easy-going and fun. That was a pleasant surprise! My best friends pranked me a couple of times by taking advantage of my phobia.

I wish it would be Children's Day everyday!

<your name>

Q2. You went to a picnic with your family to the Rose Garden. Write a diary entry, sharing your experience in 100-150 words.

Ans. Saturday, 5 June, 20XX
10:00 pm.

Dear Diary,

Hello! Today, I went on a picnic with my family to the Rose Garden. I thought I would die under the sun's scorching gaze, but it turned out to be the best family trip we've ever had.

My mother packed delicious sandwiches, and mouth-watering snacks in a jute basket. I wore a white, light dress with a sunhat. I volunteered to be the photographer. My little brother packed some board games. Dad played catch with us while Mom arranged our spot. Then, we heard her give the loudest shriek and we ran towards her. We found that she got terrified of a huge beetle. Then we ate while playing monopoly.

It was after a very long time that I got a chance to spend time with my family. I captured beautiful moments with my camera. I realized that my photography skills are getting better.

<your name>

Q3. You topped the district in a competitive exam. Write a diary entry, sharing a brief account on your struggles, how you overcame them, and your jubilation.

Ans. Saturday, 5 June, 20XX
10:00 pm.

Dear Diary,

Hello! Today, the long-awaited results came out. As you know, I was not expecting top marks. Well, I actually topped the district.

Throughout 11th and 12th, I've seen classmates and batchmates smarter and quicker than me. Their productivity always scared me, making me feel insecure of my efforts. However, something changed inside of me. I decided to just go at my own pace. Also, unlike others, I took time to reflect and recapitulate. Therefore, even though I was working at a slower pace, I was not in a panic.

Of course, the whole family, including me and my friends, were jubilant at my success. My parents beamed at me. It feels as though all those tears, and feelings of frustration were worth it. I also promised to give a huge party on this auspicious occasion.

I cannot wait for my future, which looks brighter already.

<your name>

Q4. Today you spent an entire day without electricity due to continuous thunderstorms. Write a diary entry sharing your experience.

Ans. Saturday, 5 June, 20XX
10:00 pm.

Dear Diary,

Today, the weather was bad. It was raining cats and dogs, the entire water present in the country seemed to be pouring down on us. Even though I love rain and thunder, I don't like it when the walls start leaking and flood alerts start ringing.

I woke up in the pool of my own sweat. I then learnt that the air conditioner had stopped working in the middle of the night. Nothing was working, even the Internet. Mom got a message from the school saying that we would have online classes that day. But even those got cancelled. So I had nothing to do but study, complete pending homework, eat, and help Mom tackle the leakage. It was a bit boring, but we lightened ourselves up by playing board games.

The elders say that we, the young generation, cannot survive a single day without electricity. What an exaggeration! Anyways, the electricity is not back yet. I will sleep uncomfortably tonight.

<your name>

Q5. You and your family went on a road trip from morning to night. Write a diary entry describing all events.

Ans. Saturday, 5 June, 20XX
10:00 pm.

Dear Diary,

Today, I had a marvellous time with my family. Guess what? We all went for a road trip to Delhi.

We started out at 7 in the morning. Actually, we had planned to get up at 6 but since it was summer vacation, I wasn't in the habit of getting up at 5 to catch the bus. We reached Delhi in about four hours. During those four hours, we played games, ate snacks and discussed various interesting things. Mom played a one-hour-long educational podcast, which was so boring that I fell asleep after 20 minutes. She was upset with me, but cheered up when I asked her to play her favourite game with me.

When we reached Delhi, we went to G.K. Market and ate breakfast there. After some shopping, we went to Connaught Place, clicked some photographs, and had lunch. Then, we set out for home. We reached back at 8 in the evening.

<your name>

ERROR CORRECTION (GRAMMAR SKILLS)

Solve the following passages by highlighting the incorrect phrase and mentioning the correct phrase in the next column:

Q1.

Passage	Incorrect	Correct
Ones there was a King who	_____	_____
Thought only to himself.	_____	_____
He only talked about her own charms	_____	_____
and conquests in a court all day.	_____	_____
He wants people to believe his tales	_____	_____
and talk about his great to everyone.	_____	_____

Q2.

Passage	Incorrect	Correct
Children are fond to mango. It is a	_____	_____
juicy or citrous fruit, available in	_____	_____
much varieties. Mangoes grow on a	_____	_____
tree over tropical and temperate climate.	_____	_____
One of the best place to have good mangoes	_____	_____
was Andhra Pradesh, India	_____	_____

Q3.

Passage	Incorrect	Correct
Paper were first made by the Egyptians	_____	_____
From the plant names papyrus. For	_____	_____
the long time, papyrus was used extensively	_____	_____
as writing material before a Chinese	_____	_____
perfected the processes. Demand of paper	_____	_____
growing with the advent of books worldwide.	_____	_____

Q4.

Passage	Incorrect	Correct
Electricity is express by the amount of charge	_____	_____
flowing through the particular area in unit time. Electricity	_____	_____
is a necessity to modern civilization. It have invaded our	_____	_____
lives or has become vital to many aspects of our society.	_____	_____
It is a medium for the transmission to signals in computers,	_____	_____
cell phones etc. In industries, manufacturing rely on	_____	_____
electricity	_____	_____
for drive virtually all moving parts.	_____	_____

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