Monday 6th July 2020

L.I. I can recognise features of diary writing.

This week you will be writing a diary entry. You can decide whether you are a character who lives or visits the setting in the picture. Maybe you could be the serene looking stag. What name will you give this forest?



Let's remind ourselves how to write a diary.

A diary entry is a form of **recount** in which the writer explains what has happened to them.

Here's a **checklist** of the key features to use when you write a diary entry.

- Start with 'Dear Diary'.
- **Describe** the places where the events happened.
- Write in the past tense.
- Use **pronouns** like **I**, **my** and **me** to show that the events happened to you.
- Talk about how you were **feeling** or what you were **thinking** when each event happened.

Activity 1: Read through Ahmed's diary. There are questions below for you to answer.

Ahmed's actions tell you how he was feeling. List 3 emotions he was feeling during that day.

Look back at the checklist to help answer the questions.

Friday 30th January 2020

Dear Diary,

I had the best day EVER today. I woke up this morning, the sun was shining through the curtains and I could smell delicious breakfast cooking downstairs. I jumped out of my bed, threw on my school clothes and skipped down to the kitchen.

A scrumptious breakfast of pancakes with syrup was waiting for me on the table and I gobbled it down as quick as a flash. I grabbed my school bag, shouted "Bye!" to my mum and dashed out of the door to school.

When I arrived at school, my teacher handed my homework back to me and a huge grin spread across her face. Guess what? I got 20 out of 20! I couldn't believe it! We had my best lessons in the morning (Literacy and Geography).

The afternoon flew by, and we ended the school day with a really fun game of dodgeball, and we all cheered when my team won (of course).

After school, I came home and was met with the most amazing surprise; my mum told me that we were going out to the cinema and to Pizza Hut for dinner. We had a fantastic time!

I'm sitting on my bed writing this, remembering all the fun things that happened today. I hope tomorrow is just as good!

Ahmed

It is written in the past tense. List 10 words that are written in past tense.

There are time conjunctions. List 3 of the time conjunctions.
Look at the structure of the writing (the way it is set out). How is it organised / presented?
Activity 2: Complete the questions to help you plan what you will write in your diary. Type your ideas in the boxes.
Is the day going to be magical and fun, mysterious or terrifying. Describe why?
Is it a safe place? Is it a dangerous place? Explain and describe why?
How do you feel about being there? Were you told not to go there? Should you be there? Describe why / why not?
Who are the other characters? Are they good or bad? Describe why?
There are a range of characters in the image. Which ones will be in your diary? Explain and describe why?