

How to write a diary entry

What should be part of a diary entry? (content)

- Start with the date of the entry, sum up the past day and maybe give an outlook on the next day.
- Actions (What happened that day?) and feelings / emotions (How did you feel in this situation?) are part of your diary entry.
- Imagine the diary wants to find out about everything that happened to (you) the writer and is eager to know about his / her / your feelings.
→ Be precise and insightful.

Typical language:

- Use the 1st person singular and the past tense.
- A diary entry is a very personal “conversation”: It might include questions (to the writer him-/herself or the diary), incomplete sentences and mental leaps as well as written expressions like “wow”, “Oh my god / OMG” → This means, it can include informal language in parts, nevertheless it needs to follow a clear structure and use characteristic language expressions as well (see worksheet *Writing a diary entry_practice*).

For further study on the skill of writing a dairy entry and to repeat the information above in German, check out the following link:

<https://www.studienkreis.de/englisch/diary-entry-tagebucheintrag-schreiben/>