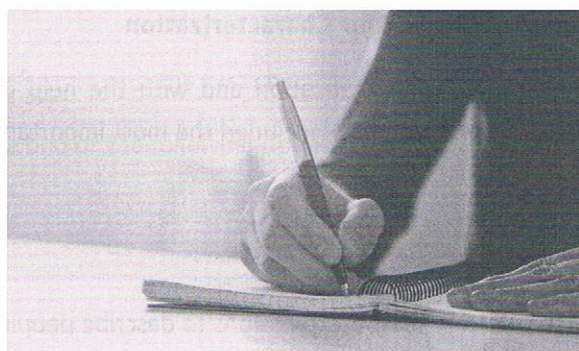


## 2 Diary Entry / A Day in the Life of ... / Vlog Project

Writing a diary entry will be one of your most common creative writing assignments at school. Diary entries follow certain structures and always feature events AND emotions.



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### EXAMPLE

## Not Such A Bad Day at the Beach by Susan Smith

"Errr! Errr! Errr!" the alarm clock screamed at five o'clock in the morning and the whole house was awake within minutes. Her parents had plans to go to the beach, but she did not really want to go with them. At least, her friend Hanna was allowed to join them.

When they got to the beach at around nine o'clock in the morning, there was no one there. Only tons of white sand and the soothing noise of the waves. "Maybe it will be a decent day here, after all," she thought. All her hopes were ruined, though, when she found out that she had left her books at home. What was she supposed to do now? After all, reading was one of her favourite pastimes. She felt like a small child who has to do everything together with her parents. Good thing Hanna was with her. After they had found a nice spot on the beach, her mother said: "Sweetheart, I brought your books in the car. Do you and Hanna want to go and get them?" She was very happy about this and so she went with Hanna on a long walk to the car. When they got back to the beach, lots of people had arrived with their music, sunshades and their coolers. She and Hanna were happy to find a nice quiet spot and started reading.

For lunch, they went to the beach restaurant and picked up food. On the way back, she suddenly stopped and said, "Hanna, look at this guy over there. Isn't he handsome? I absolutely love his body." Hanna giggled; both of them waved at the boy and the two girls continued back to her parents. Later on, the boy came over to talk to her and Hanna. She blushed and her heart beat very fast. He was more attractive than she'd thought. Finally, the two girls ended up playing beach volleyball with him and his friends. The boy gave her his number and she was madly in love when she fell asleep that night. Apparently, spending some time on the beach with your parents is not the worst thing in the world!

**soothing** – calming  
**decent** – annehmbar

**coolers** – A box in which you can cool beverages, like water or coke.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Read the text above and write down everything you learned about the main character's life (events) and her emotions. Find at least three items each.





Events	Emotions
● _____ _____	● _____ _____
● _____ _____	● _____ _____
● _____ _____	● _____ _____

2. When the main character gets back home later that day, she writes about the day at the beach in her diary. Imagine you are the main character and write her diary entry. Use the language help and the tips below.

### TIPPS

1. Start with the day before and include what you are planning to do the next day.
2. Write about events AND emotions.
3. Read the story carefully. How did you feel in the different situations?
4. Use the first person and past tense(s).
5. Imagine that your diary wants to know every relevant event and feeling from that day.

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### Language help

#### Beginning

*Dear Diary,...*

*Today was a very special / scary / happy / unusual day, because...*

*What a day!*

*Finally, this terrible / horrible / bad day is over!*

*Today, I was really scared / happy ...*

#### Ending

*I am looking forward to... tomorrow.*

*Until tomorrow / then!*

*Love, Simon*

#### Date

*August 08, 2019 (AE)*

*8<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (BE)*

#### Talking about the events

*Yesterday, I spent the night at a hotel with my family when ...*

*Suddenly, ...*

*Everyone was really panicking, because ...*

*Then, we were very sad, because ...*

*I didn't know where my dad went, so ...*

*But we finally ...*