

COMMUNICATION

Writing a journal entry

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

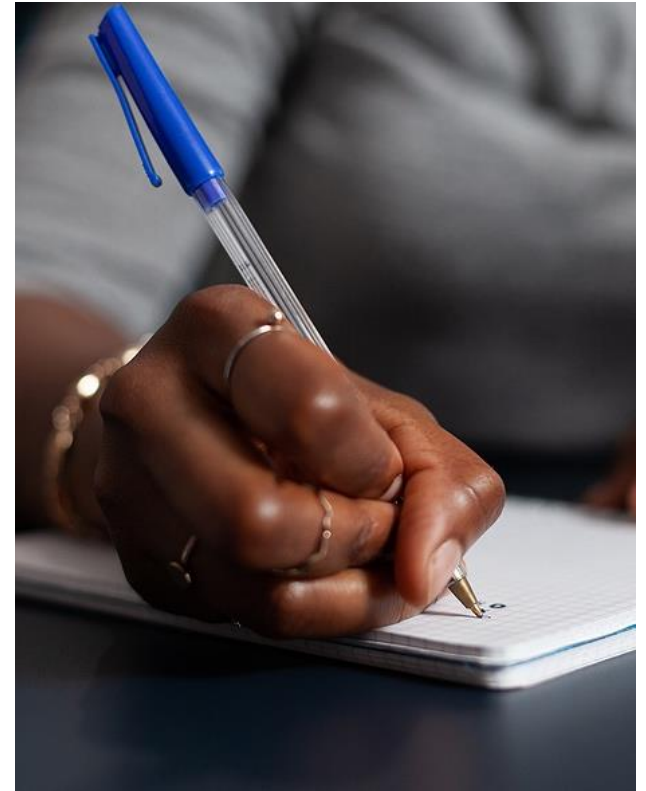
- I can write a simple journal entry using a range of common phrases.
- I can talk about past experiences and the future using the correct tenses.



Warm-up

**What things would you
include in a journal
entry?**

**Share your answer with the
rest of the class!**





Vocabulary

journal



Every day I write in my **journal**.

entry



There are many **entries** in my journal.

calendar



I check the date with a **calendar**.



Vocabulary

to plan



He is **planning** to do many things this week.

to think about



She **is thinking about** something important.



Vocabulary practice



I keep a daily **journal** where I write about my life.

I keep a **calendar** with my plans for the future.





Vocabulary practice



I **am thinking about** what I'm going to do tomorrow.

I **am planning** to do many things this week.



She is writing a new **entry** in her **journal**.

I am checking my **calendar** and writing about my future plans.





Fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences with the correct word.

- 1 What are you _____ about?
- 2 Do you write in your _____ regularly?
- 3 What are you _____ to do later today?
- 4 I write an _____ in my journal every day.
- 5 I need to look at the _____ to see what date it is.

entry
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journal
planning
calendar

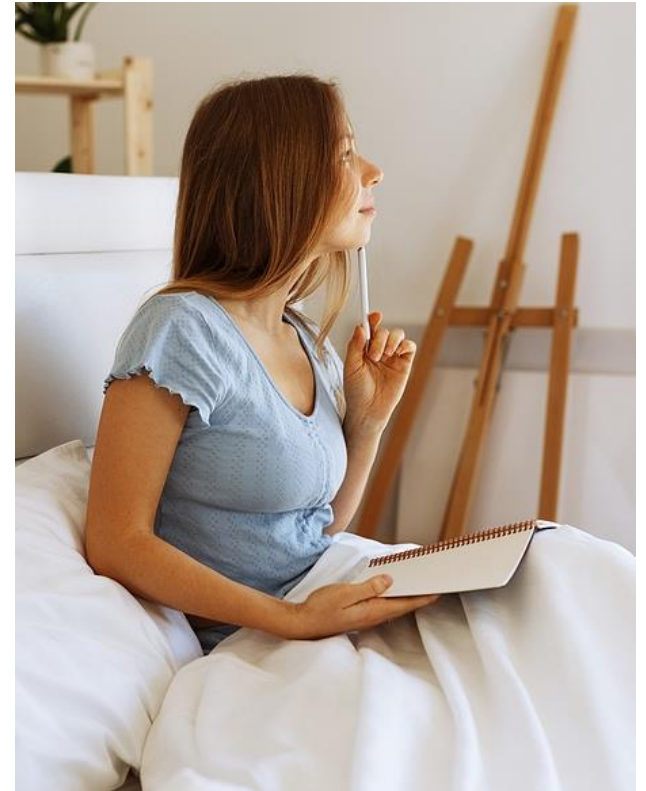


Discuss

Answer the question below.

**Have you ever
kept a journal?**

**If not, would you like to keep a
journal now?**





I **jot my ideas down** in a small notebook.

If you **jot something down**, you write it quickly so that you can remember it.

What do you usually **jot down**?

Writing a journal entry (1/4)

Review the information below.

A **journal entry** is a description of things you:

- did yesterday.
- are planning to do in the future.



*Yesterday, I went to the supermarket
and met my friends for coffee.*

*Tomorrow, I want to start planning my
trip to the United States.*

Writing a journal entry (2/4)

Review the information below.

- You can use some verb tenses you already know.
- Use **past simple** or **past continuous** to tell a story about something in the past.



I wanted to...

I went to...

I didn't like...

I really enjoyed...

I was thinking about...



Matching

Match the first half of the sentence with the correct second half.

1 I want to learn something new. I am thinking about...

2 I have lots of work to do. I am...

3 I have been thinking a lot about travelling. I want...

4 I am trying to train for a marathon. Yesterday...

5 I want to bake a cake for my wife's birthday. I am...

a looking for a recipe online.

b to see some new cities and have new experiences.

c trying to learn Chinese.

d I ran 10 km and stretched for 30 minutes afterwards.

e planning my week carefully.



Transform the sentences

Put the sentences into the past.

1 I am planning to go back to school.



I was planning to go back to school.

2 I want to learn a new language.



3 I think about my future plans.



4 I am thinking about travelling.



5 He is going to study English.



6 I am going to learn new things.





Discuss

In breakout rooms or together as a class, **tell** your classmates what you did last week. **Remember** to include **how you felt** as well as **what you did**.

I loved...

I met...

It was...

I went...



Writing a journal entry (3/4)

Review the information below.

- To write about your plans you can use **will**, **be going to**, or the **present continuous**.
- Entries about the future can also talk about how you are **feeling**.



I hope I will see...

I'm going to go shopping...

I'm meeting...

I'm looking forward to...

I'm excited about...

Writing a journal entry (4/4)

Review the information below.

- Your journal can also contain more abstract, long-term goals.



I hope to...

In the future...

I remember when...

When I get older...

When I am 70...



When I get older...

Write a short paragraph about your future using the phrases below.

When I get
older...

I am thinking
about...

I hope to...

I am planning
to...



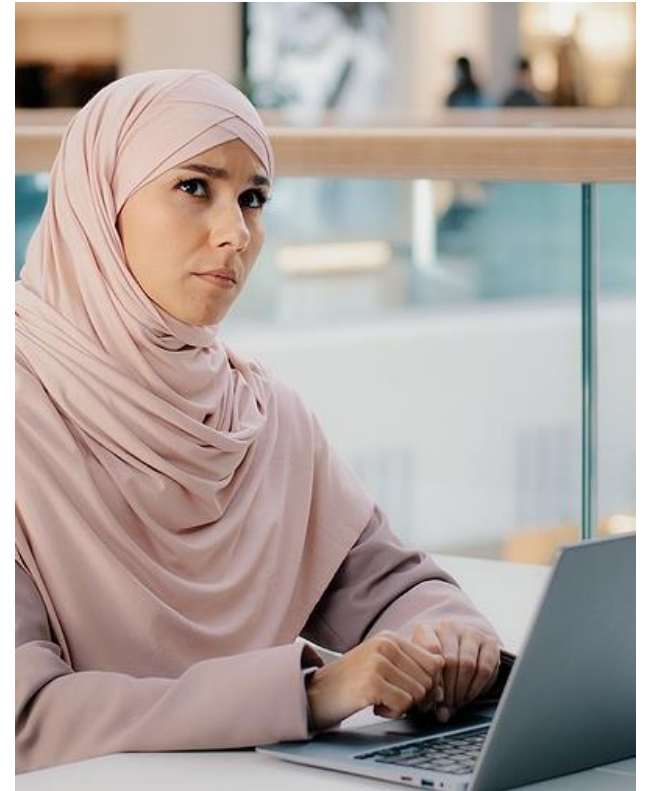


Discuss

Answer the question below.

Do you think a journal should be private, or should we show it to other people?

Share your answer with the rest of the class!





End of the lesson

Idiom

put your thinking cap on

Meaning: to think seriously about something

Example: Let's put our thinking caps on and try to figure out a solution.



Additional practice



Matching

Match the sentences that have the same meaning.

1 I have a lot to do this week.

2 I have a book where I write my thoughts and plans.

3 My calendar is very open.

4 I write daily entries in my journal.

5 I am thinking about what I want to eat for dinner.

a I'm trying to figure out what I want to eat tonight.

b I write things down every day.

c I am planning to do many things in the next few days.

d I don't have many plans.

e I keep a journal.





Discuss

Answer the questions below.

Have you ever read a journal written by a famous person in history?

If not, is there anyone whose journal you would be interested in reading?





Discuss

Which statement below **describes you best**? Why?

- 1 I keep a daily journal filled with long entries. I really love to write.
- 2 I would like to keep a journal, but I don't write very often.
- 3 I never write in a journal. I don't think it is useful.





Answer key

P.8: 1.) writing 2.) journal 3.) planning 4.) entry 5.) calendar

P.13: 1.) c 2.) e 3.) b 4.) d 5.) a

P.14:

2.) I wanted to learn a new language

3.) I was thinking about my future plans.

4.) I was thinking about travelling.

5.) He was going to study English.

6.) I was going to learn new things.

P.23: 1.) c 2.) e 3.) d 4.) b 5.) a



Summary

Journaling

- *journal; entry; calendar; to plan; to think about*
- *I am writing in my **journal**.*
- *We're **planning** a party.*

Writing a journal entry

- A **journal entry** is a description of things you did yesterday or are planning to do in the future.
- Use **past simple** or **past continuous** to tell a story about something in the past.

Writing about plans

- To write about your plans you can use **will**, **be going to**, or the **present continuous**.
- Entries about the future can also talk about how you are **feeling**, e.g. *I hope I will...*
- Your journal can also contain more abstract, **long-term goals**, e.g. *In the future...*



Vocabulary

journal

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Notes

