



By Anne Frank

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### Activity

1. Do you keep a diary? Given below under 'A' are some terms we use to describe a written record of personal experience. Can you match them with their descriptions under 'B'? (You may look up the terms in a dictionary if you wish.)

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(i) Journal	a	A book with a separate space or page for each day, in which you write down your thoughts and feelings or what has happened on that day
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(iii) Log	c	A record of a person's own life and experiences (usually, a famous person)
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2. Here are some entries from personal records. Use the definitions above to decide which of the entries might be from a diary, a journal, a log or a memoir.

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Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) 10:30 a.m. Went to the office of the Director  
01:00 p.m. Had lunch with Chairman

05:45 p.m. Received Rahul at the airport

09:30 p.m. Dinner at home

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answer: Memoir

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### Comprehension Check

1. What makes writing in a diary a strange experience for Anne Frank?

Answer:

First she had never written anything like this before and secondly she thought that nobody is going to read or would be interested in her diary.

2. Why does Anne want to keep a diary?

Answer:

Anne wants to keep a diary as she didn't have friend.

3. Why did Anne think she could confide more in her diary than in people?

Answer:

She could confide in her close friend but she didn't have one, the friends she had there were to have more fun and good times rather than the ones on whom she could confide. She also believes that a paper to have more patience than people, so she decided to write and confide in a diary.

1. Why does Anne provide a brief sketch of her life?

Answer:

Anne provides a brief sketch of her life since no one would understand a word of her musings if she were to jump right in.

2. What tells you that Anne loved her grandmother?

Answer:

Her statement, that no one could understand her intensity of love for her grandma tells that she loved her grandmother. Moreover, the touching gesture of lighting up one candle for grandmother during Anne's birthday is also a poignant reminder of the love for grandma.

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