

Text type: **Diary Entry**

A diary entry is a piece of writing that records certain events that happened on a day. It is written in the first-person point of view, so the events are described based on the writer's personal feelings and thoughts. Note that the past tense is used when talking about the details of the past events or a particular incident in the past, but some personal feelings and thoughts can be written in the present tense.

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(a)



swing / jump over

(b)



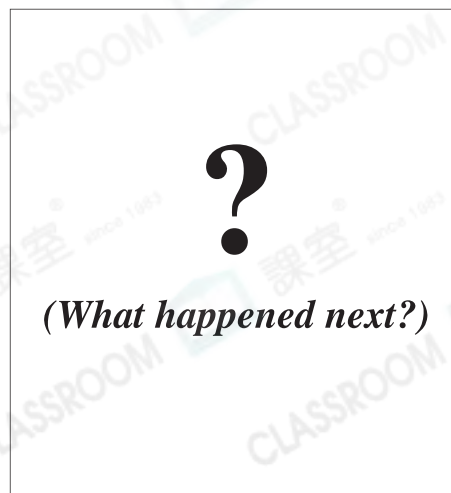
trip / fall

(c)



bump / scream

(d)



Step 1

You should read the instructions carefully before starting the writing task. First find out the point of view that you need to write in. Then pay attention to the text type format required. Remember that different text types have different formats.

First-person point of view

Main characters: John ('I'), Ben and Kate

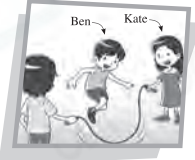


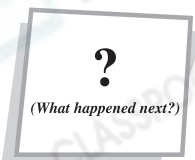
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Past tense

Diary entry format:
On the top left corner, state the date and the day of the week.
On the top right corner, state the weather of the day (it could be 'Sunny', 'Windy', 'Cloudy', 'Rainy', etc.).

Step 2

Look at the pictures provided carefully and pay attention to the details of each picture. Think about the following questions as you plan your writing.

<p>(a)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where were you, Ben and Kate? • What did you, Ben and Kate want to do? • How did you, Ben and Kate feel?
<p>(b)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you and Ben do? • What did Kate do? • What happened to Kate?
<p>(c)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happened to the old lady and Kate? • How did Kate feel? • How did you and Ben feel?
<p>(d)</p> 	<p>Think up an ending based on what happened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was anyone hurt? Why? • What did you do and how did you feel? • What have you learnt? <div style="border: 1px dashed gray; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Ask yourself: Is the ending logical and interesting?</p> </div>

Step 3

Look at the pictures on p.2 again and answer the guiding questions in the table below. Then write your own diary entry on a separate piece of paper.

Introduction (Picture A): talk briefly about **the incident**

Where did it happen?

When did it happen?

Who were with you?

What did you do?

How did you feel?

Rising Action (Picture B): talk about events that happened after the introduction

What did you and Ben do?

What did Kate do?

What happened to Kate?

Climax / Conflict (Picture C): tell the **problem(s)** that the character(s) faced

What happened next?

What happened to them?

How did you and Ben feel?

Resolution (Picture D): tell **how the character(s)** solved the problems

What happened in the end?

How did you feel?

What did you do?

What have you learnt?



More Writing Tips

- ★ Pay attention to the characters' facial expressions. Use **adjectives** to talk about how you and others feel under different situations.
- ★ Elaborate on ideas by **describing what you did, explaining why and how you did it and telling how you felt or feel about the result.**

Useful Vocabulary and Phrases

skipping rope	scared	jump over the rope	swing
trip over	fall down	bump into	shocked
see a doctor	playground	scream	pass by
			bruise

Go through the writing evaluation list below to find out if you have written the diary entry properly. Circle the correct faces and count the number of smiley and sad faces you've got.

My Writing Evaluation List

☺ Write the date, day and weather	☹ Use the wrong format for the diary entry
☺ Use the past tense to write about the events happened in the past	☹ Use the wrong tenses to write the diary entry
☺ Organise the events in paragraphs	☹ The events are unorganised or unclear
☺ Spell all the words correctly	☹ Have made a few spelling mistakes
☺ Use the grammar items correctly	☹ Have made a few grammar mistakes
☺ Give reasons	☹ Lack further elaborations
☺ Use adjectives to describe the characters' feelings and adverbs to describe their actions	☹ Lack descriptive words on describing the characters' feelings and their actions
☺ Use complex sentence structures	☹ Use simple sentence structures