



Unit 19 Diary entry



Understanding one's feelings and attitudes

Gary is writing a diary entry about his bad day. Read the diary entry.

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Cloudy

I had a bad day today. I scored only 55 marks in the Maths test. Before the test, my Maths teacher Mr Chow told me I ought to spend more time revising Maths. I did revise more this time. I don't understand why my result was still so bad...

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Before I got home, I was afraid to tell my parents about my poor test result. But when I finally did, they didn't scold me. Instead, they encouraged me to do better next time. I told them that I didn't have confidence in Maths. Then Dad taught me a new word, 'persistence'. It means 'continuing with something difficult for a long time'. He even shared a quote with me — the American scientist, Benjamin Franklin, once said, 'Energy and persistence **conquer** all things.' I was greatly inspired when Dad told me about Franklin's life story. He failed countless times when he tried to invent the lightning rod. However, he never gave up. He kept trying and finally succeeded. He is considered one of the greatest scientists in history!

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I asked Dad if he could give me some advice on improving my Maths results. Dad asked me to do more exercises to find out what I'm weak at. It turned out that I made a lot of careless mistakes and I forgot some Mathematical rules while answering the questions. Mum also advised me to gain more confidence and avoid putting too much pressure on myself. Now I know what my problems are. I'm going to tackle them one by one! I hope I will make an improvement in the coming Maths exam!

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10 mins



Writing



Write a diary entry based on the pictures given.

DATE

Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.



1. How did Gary's parents feel when they knew about Gary's poor test result?



A.



B.



C.



D.

2. In line 11, the word 'conquer' means 'to _____'.

A. have an opinion

B. experience failure

C. ask people for help

D. successfully overcome difficulty

3. The story of Benjamin Franklin inspired Gary because _____.

A. Benjamin Franklin was a famous scientist

B. Gary admires Benjamin Franklin very much

C. Benjamin Franklin was persistent

D. Benjamin Franklin failed as well

Tip

Q4: Look for relevant words in the text.

4. Why did Gary perform badly in the Maths test?

A. He did not do enough revision.

B. The test was too difficult.

C. He hates Maths.

D. He was not careful enough.

Complete the answers.

5. What did Mr Chow want Gary to do?

He wanted Gary _____.

6. What did Gary's mum advise Gary not to do?

She advised Gary not to _____.

Fill in each blank with ONE word from the diary entry. Change the word form when necessary.

Yay! I made a huge 7. _____ and got 83 marks in my Maths exam! Mum was right! I 8. _____ to have more 9. _____ in myself!



READING