

Friday 24th April 2020 - Day 9

LO: I can write a diary entry



Do you have a diary? Do you know someone else who does?

Yesterday, we imagined that Tony's Dad had kept a diary as a child and he had used it to record his journeys on the wagon.

Task

1. Find the plan you created yesterday. You will need this in front of you.
2. **Read aloud the example of a diary entry below.** Remember to acknowledge the punctuation and use expression to bring the experience to life!

Friday 24th April 1990

Dear Diary,

Dad and I had the best adventure yet! This morning, we took the wagon to the highest hill we could find (near Jamie's house). At the top, I could see the whole town! Dad told me to strap myself in and hold on tight. He always does! The next moment, we were in a roller coaster cart at the top of a huge drop. I heard the clink and clunk of the wheels rolling forwards and I felt my stomach tighten...

With a rush of air, we careered down the vertical track. Whoosh - it was incredible! Before we knew it, the cart rattled up into several loop the loops. Dad said I was screaming the whole time but I wasn't (my head was spinning though). When we finally came to a stop, I was relieved to see our garage. What a ride!

3. Diaries are an example of informal writing. Can you find these **key features**?

time phrases	exclamations !	contractions '	brackets ()	emotions
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4. Create your own diary entry as Tony's Dad. Use your planned adventure and this model text to help you. Remember to write in the **first person** and the **past tense**. Even though the style is chatty, your **full stops** still need to be accurate!

Challenge Proofread your diary thoroughly. Make sure you have at least three examples of each **key feature**! How might you add a sentence to your work which is written in the present tense or the future tense?