



Writing Task Week 1 - 23.03.2020

Imagine that you won a competition and the prize was a flight in a hot air balloon, something you had never done before.

You write a diary the evening before you go on the flight and the evening after you have been on the flight describing your thoughts, feelings and experiences.

Your task is to write TWO diary entries – one for the evening before and one on the evening after the balloon flight.



TAP	
Text - Type	Diary
Audience	No one apart from the writer
Purpose	To recount personal events in your life

Diary Writing Checklist

Has an introduction to set the scene and create atmosphere.

Uses adventurous vocabulary to describe the places where the events happen.

Is written in the past tense.

Tells the story of an episode of the writer's life.

Is written as if talking to someone (using an informal tone.)

Uses some personal pronouns: I, we, my, me.

Talks about feelings, reactions and opinions from the writer's point of view.

Uses time conjunctions to show when things happened.

Writes about events that are important to the writer.

Uses paragraphs to organise events.

Uses inverted commas to quote direct speech from the events.

Diary entry one (before):

Make notes about your thoughts and feelings the evening before the balloon flight:

Diary entry two (after):

Make notes about the experience and your thoughts and feelings:

- when the balloon took off
- during the flight.

Make notes about your thoughts and feelings afterwards and how this compared with what you expected:

4) Diary writing

Adverbs to start a diary sentence with:

- Hopefully
- Fortunately
- Unfortunately
- Fortuitously
- Luckily
- Unluckily
- Thankfully
- Lately
- Recently
- Incidentally
- Curiously
- Eventually
- Anyway

Conversational manner with 'speech like phrases'

- By the way . . .
- To tell you the truth . . .
- I must tell you about . . .
- Right now I'm . . .
- You will never believe it but . . .
- I hope that . . .
- To be honest . . .
- I imagine that . . .
- I should have told you that . . .
- I have been looking forward to . . .
- I am looking forward to . . . (I am not looking forward to . . .)
- I am worried about . . . (I am not worried about . . .)
- I was looking forward to . . .
- I expect that . . .
- I think that . . .
- As it happened . . .
- I didn't expect . . .
- I don't expect . . .
- In truth . . .
- The best bit is . . . (The best bit was . . .)
- The worst part is . . . (The worst part was . . .)
- Worst of all . . .
- Best of all . . .

Rhetorical questions

- You'll never guess what happened?
- You know what?
- Do you know what?
- Can you imagine it?
- Have you ever . . . ?

Speculative sentence starters

- Perhaps
- I wonder if . . .
- I wonder whether . . .
- Maybe . . .

Other sentence starters

- Even though . . .
- For once . . .
- At least . . .
- At times . . .
- Sometimes . . .
- I felt so . . .