

Diary Entry

Diary writing is one of the most personal and informal categories of writing. A diary writing can be based on an experience, a scene, a description or narration of certain event or any other thing or activity that the writer considers worth writing in his personal diary.

GUIDELINES FOR DIARY WRITING

A diary entry has no fixed format or style of writing. However, a good diary entry does contain the following features:

1. A good diary writing contains the place, the date, the day and even the time of writing. For example:
Agra
7 February 2024
Wednesday
10:00 p.m.
2. A diary doesn't need any formal heading. However, it is optional.
3. The style and tone is generally informal and personal. However, it depends on the subject. Sometimes the tone can be philosophical and reflective too. You can freely express your viewpoints and feelings.
4. As the diary is writer's personal document, the diary entry doesn't need any signature. It is totally optional.
5. You can evolve your own suitable style depending on the topic of your writing.

SOLVED EXAMPLE

Question 1:

You recently visited the 24th Crafts Mela at Suraj Kund, Faridabad. It was Mini India assembled at one place. Using the hints, make a diary entry of what you saw and experienced there.

Hints: • More than 20 states of India represented • Rajasthan – the theme state • Participation of foreign countries • cultural programmes, dances at

‘Chaupal’ and ‘Rangmanch’ • Food courts catering all kinds of foods • arts and handicrafts from the awarded artisans.

Answer:

New Delhi

20 January 2024

Monday

10:00 pm

Dear Diary,

The Crafts Mela at Suraj Kund was much more impressive and grand than what I had imagined. This year the ‘Theme State’ was Rajasthan. The whole campus was painted with the visuals of Ranthambore, Chittor, Jodhpur and Jaisalmer. It was Mini India assembled on a few hundred acres of land. All the awarded artisans from different states had set up their workshops and stalls there. Bangles, jewellery decoration pieces, wall-hangings, purses, shoes, sarees, garments and cosmetics found thousands of buyers. Every evening there were cultural shows at the ‘Chaupal’ and the ‘Rangmanch’. The ‘Food Court’ provided all kinds of delicacies for food-lovers. Basically, it was India in all its colours, tastes and sounds scattered on the Aravalli hills. That was fun! Now, I am feeling very sleepy.

Good night diary!

Xyz

Question 2:

You paid a visit to an ‘Old Home’ with other N.S.S. Volunteers. Using the hints given below together with your own ideas, make a diary entry of what you saw and experienced there.

Hints: • Old home • Mostly senior citizens above 60 • Peaceful surroundings • Spacious • Clean rooms and baths • Regular Medical check-ups • a good library • Means of recreation • A home away from home.

Answer:

Bhiwandi

1 February 2024

Thursday

10:00 pm

Dear Diary,

With the disintegration of the joint family system, the old people find themselves deserted and alone. It is unfortunate that in the evening of their lives, they are not looked after by their children. The concept of 'Old homes' is for such old people. I made it a point to visit the 'Old Home' at Bhiwandi. The Home is situated at a peaceful place. The building is simple but spacious and clean. It seems to be an ideal place for the senior citizens. A doctor visits the Home daily to check up the senior citizens. There is a permanent nurse employed to look after and give them medicine on time. The home has a good library and several means of recreation. All the inmates showered their parental love by insisting on having lunch with us. What a satisfying and rewarding visit it was to meet our grandpas and grannies! I am feeling sleepy.

Good night dear diary!

Xyz

Exercise:

Question 1:

While going home you came across many children on the roads at crossroads with begging bowls in their hands. You are shocked and disgusted at this unflattering picture of a country which boasts of being a major economy in the world. Record your experience in your diary.