

**INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**CLASS V**  
**TOPIC: DIARY ENTRY**

Diary writing is a personal kind of writing. It usually involves the regularized recording of personal feelings and reflections on a topic.

**FORMAT**

1. Day/date -at the extreme left corner.
2. Contents in an easy flowing language

Date: *Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.*

**Introduction:** Could be a general comment on how the day was. For instance, *Today was a great day!* or *Today was a boring day.*

**Body:** This is the main part of the diary entry. This part involves a lot of things which provoked you to write the particular entry. This contains the events and actions involved in your reason to write the entry. You should describe what happened to you or your personal feelings about something or someone. You could also write about your future plans in this part. It is written in the first person in a chatty friendly language. Stress on feelings, emotions, and reactions rather than on the event itself.

**Conclusion:** The diary entry can be concluded with a comment about the day. For instance-*It was overall an exciting day or the situation at that moment* or *I am really tired now, after a long day at work*

**POINTS TO REMEMBER**

- A diary is generally written at night. The best way to do this is relating them from the start of your day to the end. Insert your feelings about these events.
- Write the events in the correct order.
- Provide important details of the place, time, people or things that were part of the events.
- The language and tone is generally informal and personal.
- Personal pronouns like I, you, we, he, she, they etc. can be used.
- A diary entry can include your personal secretes, joys, sorrows and fears.
- You should write as if you have really been a part of the situation.

**SAMPLE**

You are going on a school picnic with your classmates and teachers. You are very excited. The night before the trip you sit down to write. Describe in about 80-100 words what you have planned for the picnic and how you hope to enjoy yourself there. You are Jyothi /Jay

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019

I am feeling very excited tonight. I am going on a picnic tomorrow with my classmates. Some of our teachers will also accompany us. We have been planning for this trip ever since I got my school diary.

We are going to Seeb Park. It has a large ground where children can run around and play freely. I have packed some food items including potato chips and chocolates. My mother has made a dozen sandwiches and a cake. My friends will also be bringing some food, and we shall all share and eat. I am also carrying my cricket bat with me. We plan to play a match. I feel I just cannot go to sleep tonight. I keep imagining all the fun that we are going to have tomorrow.

But mom came into the room just now and warned me that if I do not go to sleep now, I might fall asleep at the picnic! As if that is ever going to happen! But maybe she's right. So, good night!

Jay Nair

### **PRACTICE QUESTION**

1. Write a diary entry in 80-100 words about how you enjoyed the celebration of your birthday last week when several friends made the occasion lively and worth remembering.