
Planning a Diary Entry
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Quality Standard
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Who Wrote This?



Let's read this text aloud together.

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Who do you think wrote this? What type of text is it?

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date and/or time

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write in the first person

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introduction to set the scene

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tell events in chronological order

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personal feelings and emotions

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words relating to time e.g. conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions.

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Another Version

Whole Class

Who else was mentioned in this diary extract?

Do you think they will have the same memories and emotions about the events as Hamlet?



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Lila's Version

Think about what Lila has been doing recently.

- talking to Chulak about being a professional firework-maker;
- seeing the procession;
- finding out about the Royal Sulphur;
- leaving the letter and running away;
- meeting the pirates and the tiger.



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