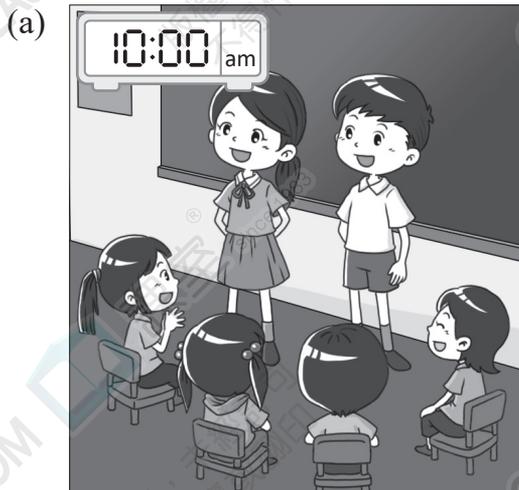


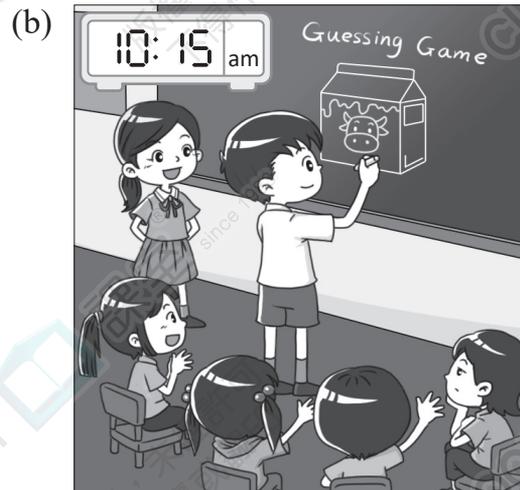
## Text type: Diary Entry

A diary entry is a piece of writing that records certain events that happened in a day. It is written in the first-person point of view, so the events are described based on the writer's personal feelings and thoughts. Note that the past tense is used while talking about the details of the events or a particular incident, but some personal feelings and thoughts can be written in the present tense.

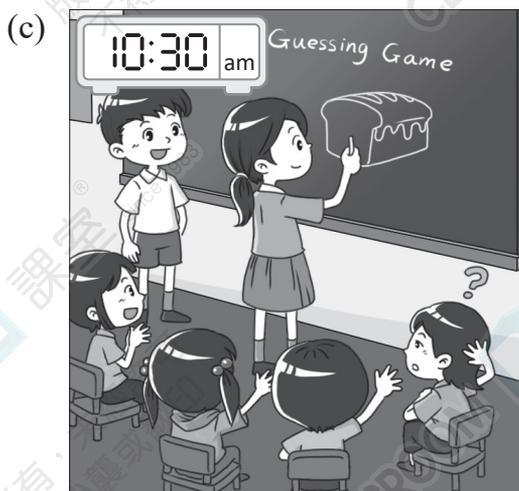
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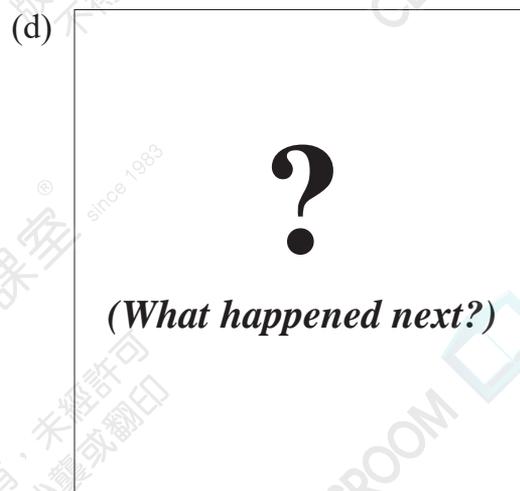
*volunteer / eager*



*guessing game / pictures*



*puzzled / upset*



## Step 1

You should read the instructions carefully before starting the writing task. First find out the point of view that you need to write in. Then pay attention to the text type format required. Remember that different text types have different formats.

First-person point of view

Main characters: Benny ('I') and Lily

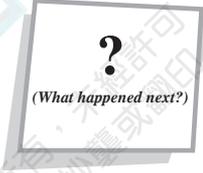
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Past tense

Diary entry format:  
On the top left corner, state the date and day of the week.  
On the top right corner, state the weather of the day.

## Step 2

Look at the pictures carefully. Pay attention to the details of each picture and write the correct wh-words in the blanks. Think about the following questions as you plan your diary entry.

<p>(a) </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ did you and Lily go?</li> <li>• _____ did you go there?</li> <li>• _____ did you and Lily do?</li> <li>• _____ did you meet?</li> <li>• <b>How</b> _____ did you, Lily and the children feel?</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px dashed gray; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; font-size: x-small; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Ask yourself the wh-questions when you talk about an incident.</p> </div>
<p>(b) </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did you do?</li> <li>• What did the children do?</li> <li>• What did you notice?</li> </ul>
<p>(c) </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did the little girl look?</li> <li>• How did she feel?</li> <li>• What did she do? Why?</li> </ul>
<p>(d) </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did you and Lily do?</li> <li>• How did the little girl react?</li> <li>• How did she feel?</li> <li>• How did you and Lily feel?</li> </ul>

### Step 3

Look at the pictures on p.2 again and answer the guiding questions in the table below. Then write your own diary entry on a separate piece of paper.

#### **Introduction (Picture A):** talk briefly about **the incident**

What did you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did it happen? \_\_\_\_\_

When did it happen? \_\_\_\_\_

Who were with you? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you feel? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Rising Action (Picture B):** talk about **events that happened after the introduction**

What did you do? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the children do? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you notice? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Climax / Conflict (Picture C):** tell the **problem(s)** that the character(s) faced

How did the little girl look? \_\_\_\_\_

How did she feel? \_\_\_\_\_

What did she do? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Resolution (Picture D):** tell **how the character(s) solved the problem(s)** and the **ending** of the incident

What did you and Lily do? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the little girl react? \_\_\_\_\_

How did she feel? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you and Lily feel? \_\_\_\_\_



### More Writing Tips

- ★ Use **adverbs of sequence** (e.g. **first, next, then, after that, finally**) to show the order of different events.
- ★ Give a **personal comment** in the last paragraph of the diary entry **to show how you feel about what you did.**

### Useful Vocabulary and Phrases

volunteer	eager	word-guessing game	upset
upset	picture	draw	puzzled
notice	quietly	help out	glad

Go through the writing evaluation list below to find out if you have written the diary entry properly. Circle the correct faces and count the number of smiley and sad faces you've got.

### My Writing Evaluation List

Write the date, day and weather	Use the wrong format for the diary entry
Grammar items are used correctly	Have made a few grammatical mistakes
Spell all the words correctly	Have made a few spelling mistakes
Use adverbs of sequence to show the order of events	The order of events is unorganised or unclear
Use the past tense to write about past events and use the present tense to write the dialogues	Use the wrong tenses to write the diary entry
Use the cue words provided under the pictures in the diary entry	Cue words provided are not used in the diary entry
Use complex sentence structures	Use simple sentence structures
Overall, the content is interesting and logical	Overall, the content is confusing and difficult to understand