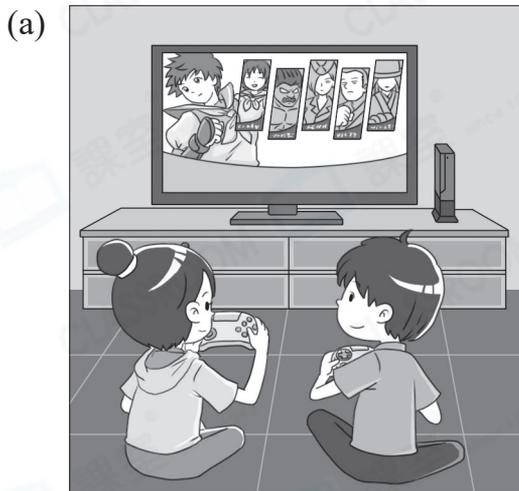


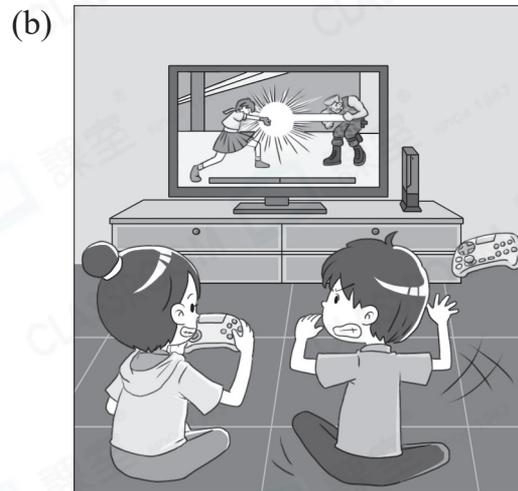
## Text type: **Diary Entry**

A diary entry is a piece of writing that records certain events that happened on 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 conditions or actions in the past, and the past continuous tense is used while talking about an event that lasted for a period of time in the past. However, some personal feelings and thoughts can be written in the present tense.

**You are William. You and your sister, Selina, played a video game at home last Saturday. Based on the pictures below, write a diary entry about what happened. Write at least 80 words.**



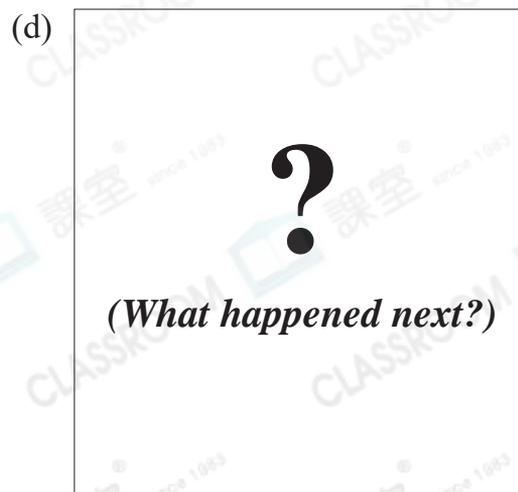
*fighting game / controller*



*excited / swing / air*



*walk by / hit*



## 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: William ('I') and Selina

You are William. You and your sister, Selina, played a video game at home last Saturday. Based on the pictures below, write a diary entry about what happened. Write at least 80 words.

Past tense

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

## Step 2

Look at the pictures provided carefully and pay attention to the details of each picture. Think about the following questions as you plan your writing. Think up an ending and fill in the blanks with the correct words.

(a)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where were you and Selina?</li> <li>• What were you and Selina doing?</li> <li>• How did you and Selina feel?</li> </ul>
(b)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did Selina do?</li> <li>• What did you do?</li> <li>• What happened to the controller?</li> </ul>
(c)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where was the controller?</li> <li>• What was Dad doing?</li> <li>• How did you feel?</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px dashed gray; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Always talk about your feelings and reflections in a diary entry.</p> </div>
(d)	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">?</p> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">(What happened next?)</p> </div>	<p>Think up a <b>logical and interesting ending</b> based on the events that happened:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="color: red;">Dad</span> _____ was <span style="color: red;">hit</span> _____ by the controller... <span style="color: red;">Luckily</span> _____, _____ <span style="color: red;">he</span> _____ <span style="color: red;">was not seriously hurt</span> _____         </p>

### Step 3

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

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

What did you do? I was playing a fighting video game

Where did it happen? at home

When did it happen? last Saturday

Who were with you? my sister, Selina

How did you feel? excited

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

What did Selina do? pressed the control buttons hard

What did you do? swung the controller with great force

Where was the controller? carelessly tossed it in the air

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

What was Dad doing? walking past

What happened next? the controller flew toward Dad and hit his foot

How did you feel? worried

#### Resolution (Picture D): tell how the problem(s) is / are solved and the ending of the incident

What happened in the end? Dad failed to avoid the controller. Luckily, he wasn't seriously hurt.

How did you feel? sorry

What did you do? apologised to Dad and helped him apply the ointment

What have you learnt? should not be so crazy about games



### More Writing Tips

- ★ Use certain **adjectives and prepositions (afraid of, nice to, crazy about etc.)** to describe the feelings of the subjects towards the objects.
- ★ Use **modal verb 'should'** to talk about something that is right to do and **'should not / shouldn't'** to talk about something that is wrong to do.
- ★ Elaborate on ideas by **describing what you did** and **explaining why you did it** or **why you felt a certain way**.

### Useful Vocabulary and Phrases

controller	game role	fighting game		player
walk by		force	in the air	swing
avoid	apply	ointment	seriously	be crazy about

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
☹ Spell all the words correctly	☹ Have made a few spelling mistakes
☹ Write in paragraphs and show the order of events clearly	☹ The events are unorganised or the order is unclear
☹ Use the past tense to write about the events in the diary entry	☹ Use the wrong tenses to write the diary entry
☹ Give reasons to what happened	☹ Lack further elaborations
☹ Use suitable adjectives and prepositions to describe the feelings of the subjects towards the objects	☹ Use wrong adjectives and prepositions to describe the states of the subjects
☹ Use complex sentence structures	☹ Use simple sentence structures