

### Answering Strategy

1. Text type and format – This is a diary entry. There is no fixed format, but the opening, the main body and the ending should be clearly differentiated by each's content. Begin the entry with the phrase 'Dear diary'.
2. Genre – This is a piece of descriptive writing with opinions. Describe the plot of the play, as well as those aspects of it that made the drama effects possible. Give evaluative comments, and talk about what you have learnt from the play.
3. Language and formality – The language of a diary entry can be informal and personal, since it is only for one's own reading. Adopt terms in art and performance abundantly. Express personal feelings freely. Write in the simple past tense when describing the acting and stage effects. Write in the simple present tense when summarizing the plot.
4. Organisation – Begin with some background information like how you have come to see the drama and how you feel about it in general. Then, after summarizing the plot in a paragraph or two, discuss how the dramatic effects were achieved in detail. Feel free to insert personal comments at any point. Lastly, state what you have learnt or other feelings. Organise the paragraphs, and sentences in each paragraph, with cohesive devices.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The topic of this diary entry is drama, disability and courage. Draw on your own experience. Also refer to the following vocabulary (based on a story about a mute warrior fighting a monster to save a princess) for suggestions about ideas.

### Useful vocabulary and expressions

#### Verbs / verb phrases

can't help but	忍不住
dare to	敢於
flee	逃走
overcome	克服
play an excellent role	角色扮演出色
pop up in someone's mind	浮現在某人腦海
recommend	推薦
seize	捉拿

#### Nouns / noun phrases

acting skills	演技
castle	城堡
challenge	挑戰
costumes	戲服
courage	勇氣
dialogue	對白
disability	殘疾
evil monster	邪惡的怪獸
facial expression	臉部表情
leading actor	主要演員
lighting	燈光
main character	主角
mood	氣氛
plot	情節
princess	公主

scene	場景
sense of inferiority	自卑感
stage effects	舞台效果
warrior	戰士

#### Adjectives / adjective phrases

absorbed in	投入於
brave and skilful at war	饒勇善戰
dazzling	耀目的
determined	決心的
enchanted	極好的
jealous	嫉妒的
lively	生動的
mute	啞的
ordinary	一般的
painful	痛苦的
precious	寶貴的
superb	極好的
timid	膽小的

#### Others

apart from	除了
at once	馬上
with all one's efforts	盡全力