

Task: What is it like to live upside-down? Write a diary entry.



G	Diary
A	Yourself
P	To reflect on the events of your day and your feelings.

Look on the next slides for some diary-writing tips and examples we have used for other diary writing tasks throughout the year

Diary Writing:

- Remember you are writing for yourself and not a reader
- The language and grammar choices should reflect speech (it should sound like you are speaking to yourself out loud) which means sometimes it may not be grammatically correct
- Use colloquial language. You can even use CAPITALS to express emotion
- Use parenthesis to add extra thoughts and feelings and use punctuation such as dashes, brackets and ellipses to show how your thoughts change
- Start with the most prevalent thought in your head not the beginning of the day
- DO NOT WRITE A NARRATIVE you are not writing a recount of your day. Don't use story language like adjectives and fancy verbs

Diary example: Macbeth

My wife wants to kill the King.

Why, it's murder! Treason no less! I fear I have told her too much about the witch's prophecy. She is so determined – desperate even - to become Queen yet I do not think I could do it! Could I really KILL King Duncan? Lady Macbeth told me to 'Look like the innocent flower but be the serpent underneath it.' She certainly believes that I have the strength – the conviction – to commit such a deed. I'm not so sure that I do.

I worry about what she has planned. She can be so devious sometimes! Dare I say it – she scares me. As soon as I returned home today it was like she already had it all planned out. Beneath her beauty lies something far more sinister. Yet again, she is intelligent... the most intelligent woman I have ever met! If anyone can pull this off, she can. Maybe I should trust her. Her plan – surely – will be fool proof. It is only one night...one deed. Tonight, King Duncan stays here, at Glamis castle. Lady Macbeth is convinced he won't ever leave. She has never let me down before, has she? No never. I should trust her. After all, she is doing this for us. For our future.... so we can rule Scotland. Why, I do kind of like the sound of that. I do hope she knows what she's doing. If we can pull this off...

Dare I believe it?

This could actually work.

Hopefully, when I write tomorrow, I will write of my success... of how I am to be crowned King.

Diary example: Brightstorm

Dear Diary

I really thought today was it – our ticket out of the slumps. Our opportunity – our only chance – of finding out what really happened to Dad.

Even though her house was crooked and her second hand man (Welly or something he was called) was unwelcoming, Miss Culpepper herself (Harrie) was amazing. Just something about her intrigued me. She was amazing – no, magical - with her fiery eyes and wild hair. I'm so gutted we don't get to go on an adventure with her. Well, I don't think we will. I know we haven't officially heard yet but she made it pretty clear. She couldn't wait to get rid of us. Practically shoved us out the door.

At least we made a friend in Felicity. I hope she is accepted on the expedition...and I hope, beyond all hope, that we see her kind face again. She reminded me what it felt like to have someone care.

Did Dad really let us down and ruin our name? Our lives?... Is he still alive? I don't know how we'll ever find the answers now.

Hopefully I'll have better news to write of tomorrow.