

# Features of a Diary

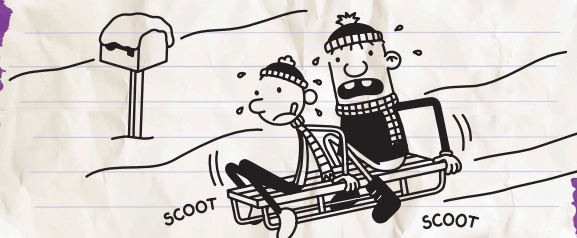
Download the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* extract from the competition page and write an example for each of the features that can be found in a diary entry. Although humour is not typical of all diary entries, it is one of the main reasons that *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* is so popular, so it would be great to include in your own diary entry too.

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Feature	Example from <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>
Date/time of event	
First person	
Informal and chatty language	
Rhetorical question (self-reflection)	
Time connectives	
Capital letters and exclamation marks for expression	
Humour	





# Chronological Comic

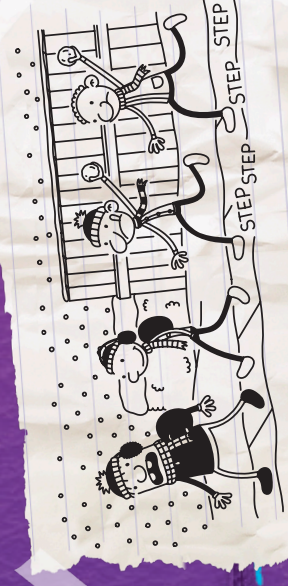
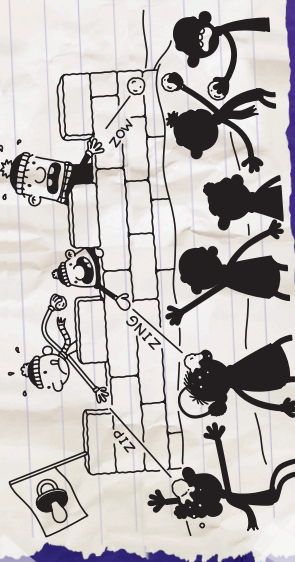
Decide whether your diary entry will recall one event or a whole day. Then, break it into three parts to create a beginning, middle and end and write one headline for each part. Next, illustrate each part of the entry with a comic book style illustration. You can use simple line drawings similar to those by Jeff Kinney if you wish.

DATE and TIME OF ENTRY:

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# Chatty Battlefield

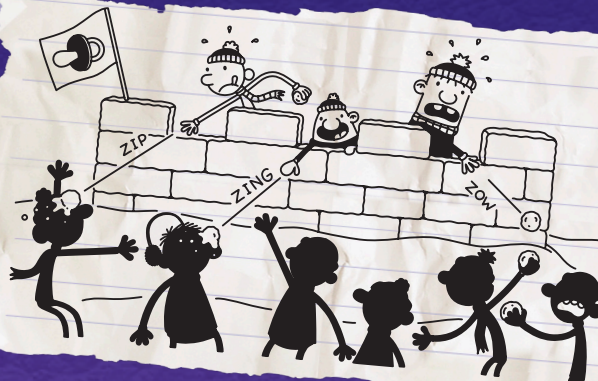
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In partners, take turns to choose one of the formal sentences below and read it aloud. Then, race your partner to create a more chatty or informal way of saying the same thing.

For example you could change **'I have to say that your snowman looks exquisite!'** to **'Wow Greg your snowman looks ace!'**



I threw the snowball and it pelted the tree.

I jumped out of bed, opened the curtains and dashed downstairs as quickly as I could. It was snowing!

There was my mitten stuck in the glistening snow.

I created three large snow angels in the fluffy snow.

OH NO! The snowman lost his silky scarf in the wind.

The snow was like a blanket of vanilla ice cream.

My snowman looked very sad after three days.

There was nowhere to run - snowballs were coming from all directions!

I was wrapped up from head to toe in snow gear.

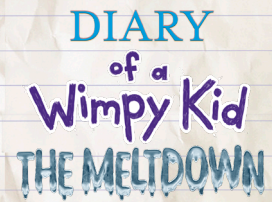
The snow was 5 feet thick next to the school gates.

# Entry Form

What would happen if the snow shut down your school? Write a diary entry of up to 500 words about the most exciting snow day you ever had or can imagine.



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**TOP TIP:** You could also include humour and illustrations to create an entry similar to those in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Don't forget to use some of the typical features of a diary:

- Write in the first person
- Use past tense
- Use informal/chatty language
- Include self-reflection, such as rhetorical questions
- Include time connectives
- Use capital letters and exclamation marks for expression

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date and time of entry:** \_\_\_\_\_

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