

Diary Entry

1. Day, Date and Time should be entered at the top right or left side of the page.
2. Writer's thoughts and feelings can be expressed through simple and short sentences; not necessarily full sentences are needed always. Sentence fragments can be used.
3. Lengthy and word-to-word explanations of the incident are to be avoided.
4. Interjections and exclamatory sentences can be used.
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Q 1: After having shifted to a new house, the doctor started writing in a diary about the horrible experience he had in the previous night in the old house.

Friday, 01 September 2017.

10:00PM

Thank God! I'm safe and happy now in this new house - neat and comfortable and have here good neighbours too. I should be thankful to my friends for arranging this house for me. Yesterday I met death face-to-face! I can't ever forget those moments in my life. When I heard the sound of something fall down, I never thought it could be a cobra. When I felt something cold on my arm and shoulder, who thought it was a death messenger. Luckily, the snake was beauty-conscious. Seeing its own beauty in the mirror on my table, it left me. Was I so ugly, or was the snake more beautiful than it expected? Anyhow, the mirror saved my life and I should keep one here too.

Q 2: Adichie's visit to Fide's family was a great learning experience for her. After reaching back home, she jots down her feelings in the diary. Write the likely diary entry.

Monday, 13 December 2017 10:00am

What a fool I was! I thought poor people like Fide and his family had nothing but poverty. Today I realized my idea was wrong. Poor may lack comforts and luxuries in life. In creativity and craftsmanship they are equal to all. What a beautiful baskets they have made! In their expertise even raffia strings became beautifully patterned baskets. I couldn't believe it was made by his brother. I had only a single idea about Fide. A wrong idea. It made me a fool of myself. To have a one-sided idea about a person will lead us to misunderstanding. The visit to his house has taught me a great lesson – the lesson not to judge anybody from a single-sided idea.

Q 3: The young man (Mr. John) was really obliged to the trios - the sergeant, the landlady and the doctor for their timely help and giving him a fresh start. Imagine that he records his thoughts and feelings in his diary. What could be his diary entry?

Thursday, 30th November 2017
11:00pm

Oh, God how merciful you're and what a fool I 'm!
I ran after the worldly pleasure carelessly, led a lavish life, gambled and lost everything. I forgot myself and my family and even became a thief. In utter desperation, I tried to end my life. The landlady, police sergeant and Dr. Cronin timely intervened and saved my life. Hadn't they come I would not have been here now to write this. How can I express my gratitude to them? The landlady offered me free boarding. The sergeant didn't report my crime. Dr. Cronin gave me as much money as I stole from the office shelf to replace there. When can I pay off the debts I owe to them? I have to do something for the well-being of the delinquent youth and for the welfare of the society. A timely intervention of some helping hands gave me back my life. So I must be a helping hand to those who are in need. I pledge my remaining life for the charity services; thus I will pay my debts to the society!

Q 4: Martha felt very sad when she overheard the argument between Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Boone, in the story 'The Scholarship Jacket'. What may be the diary entry of Martha? (From SCERT Question Pool)

02 December 2016, Saturday: 10:00 pm

Oh! What a bad day it was. My dreams have come to an end. My expectations are all gone to air. It was by coincidence that I went to the class room to take my shorts for the PE. On reaching there, I overheard two people talking. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Boone were talking about me. Mr. Schmidt was talking in favour of me. Mr. Boone was for Joann. He said that Joann's father was a member of the Board. Oh! How could he reason like that? He should not have thought like that. This is a scholarship jacket that one gets for maintaining highest grades for eight years. I'm thankful to Mr. Schmidt for supporting me. May God find a way

More practical questions from SCERT question pool

1. After posting the letter, Vanka comes back to his room. He feels very happy. Nobody has seen him posting the letter. The letter will reach his grandfather and he will come to take him back. In his joy, he started writing in his diary. What will be the diary entry?
2. The doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' ran for all his worth after his encounter with the snake. The next day, he jotted down his experiences in his diary. Prepare the diary entry.
3. Satyajit Ray could not complete the shooting because the tiger had not acted according to his plans. He felt very sad. At night he wrote the day's events, in his diary. Write the likely diary entry.
4. 'How will I go to school tomorrow without shoes?' This was the thought that lingered in the mind of Zahra in the screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes'. What may be her diary entry of the day? Write it.
5. After meeting the voyager, the narrator felt happy to know about the efforts taken by Mr. John to bring up the derelict adolescents back to his normal life. He recorded his feelings in his diary. What could be his possible feelings? Write the diary entry of the narrator.
6. The young man was really obliged to the trios - the sergeant, the landlady and the doctor for their timely help and giving him a fresh start. Imagine that he records his thoughts and feelings in his diary. What could be his diary entry?
7. Martha was completely disappointed after she heard that the policy regarding the scholarship jacket has changed. She cried a lot. She noted her feelings in her diary that day. Prepare the likely diary entry.
8. Mr Schmidt was very angry to know that there is a plan to award the scholarship jacket to Joann. He argued strongly against it. He noted his reactions and feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely diary entry of Mr. Schmidt.

9. The grandfather in the story 'The Scholarship Jacket' was shocked to hear that Martha had to pay fifteen dollars to get the scholarship jacket. He wrote about this in his diary. Prepare the likely diary entry.
10. You watched the play 'The Book that Saved the Earth' staged by the English Club of your school. You were very much impressed by the play. Prepare your diary entry of the day on which you had watched the play.
11. The narrator was extremely delighted when his father brought a wild baby rabbit to home. He and his friends played with it all the day. At night he wrote about it in his diary. What would be the diary entry?
12. Imagine that after coming back from school, Tagore noted down what had happened that day in his diary. Prepare the diary entry.

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