

How to write a diary entry

Date

January 2nd, 2021

Start with a main impression of the day or situation. Was it a wonderful day, a stressful / scary / sad/ happy ... situation?

Dear Diary,

Write in the first person: "I"

This clue-hunt turns out a lot more dangerous than I had expected. Even the first day almost got us killed. ~~Everybody seems to be against us, and we cannot trust anybody.~~

After Grace's funeral, Dan and I went into grandma's house to think about our next steps. We wanted to be alone, but unfortunately, uncle Alistair had followed us and ~~there was no way to get rid of him. I hate him - he is so weird.~~

Write honestly what you think about people and situations.

The first clue on the card was really mysterious, and I had no idea who Richard S. might be. I thought we might start our search in grandma's library. That was certainly a good idea, but it almost got us killed.

Describe what happened (simple past tense)

and what it was like (past progressive - ing form)

While we were looking around for some clues in the library, Dan noticed a secret door built into the library shelves. We managed to open it and walked down into a deep basement. It was HUGE - and full of the most exotic, old books. Just AWESOME!!! If only we had had more time to explore,.... but suddenly we smelled smoke.

Write how it made you feel.

You can also add emojis.

It was getting worse very quickly and we were all trying to find a way out of the secret basement. The smoke was stinging our eyes and filling our lungs. The ~~bookshelves~~ were all burning, and the heat was getting worse. Dan was coughing and wheezing behind me and I really thought we were going to die. I have never been so scared in my life. 😞

Fortunately, we found an exit and crawled out into blinding daylight. We were lying in the cemetery, right behind grandma's fresh grave.

From there, we could see the old house on fire. There was no way to save anything there.

Future hopes/ worries/ expectations.

What a terrible start. I wonder if we should have taken the money instead of going on this clue-hunt. It's going to be sooo dangerous and I am REALLY scared. Of course, I cannot show this to Dan - I am the older sister, so I have to be strong.

What do you think is going to happen next?

Wish me luck!