

English

Wednesday 20th January 2021

Today you will use your plan from yesterday to write a diary account from the point of view of a very mischievous animal.



Today's activities

IMPORTANT!

Parent or Carer –
Please read this
page with your
child and check
that you are
happy with what
they have to do
and with any
weblinks or use of
the Internet
required.



1. Revision Time

Use your learning from last week to practise **past tense verbs**

2. Talk Time

Chat to your grown up about the end of 'Diary of a Wombat'. What does the wombat mean when she says that humans make good pets?

3. Story time

Read and enjoy '**Diary of a Kangaroo**' on **page 5**.

Who causes more trouble – the wombat in 'Diary of a Wombat' or the kangaroo here!? Talk to your grown up about your ideas.

4. Getting ready to write

Read the **Learn Screen** on **page 5** to help you identify features of diary recounts. Remember we have written diary accounts in class.

Look for examples of '**Wombat's Conjunctions**' being used to link ideas in sentences.

5. Writing time

You are going to write your animal diary entry from the plan you produced yesterday.

Make sure you use the layout and language features of a diary.

Keep your writing in the past tense.

Write in full sentences and use conjunctions to link ideas.

If you have time, why not write the next day's diary entry as well?

What trouble will your creature cause then?

Do you remember?

Activity 1: SPaG Revision challenge

Tick which present and past tense verbs are correct.

present tense	past tense	✓ x
teach	teached	<input type="checkbox"/>
think	thought	<input type="checkbox"/>
meet	meeted	<input type="checkbox"/>
draw	drew	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rewrite the verbs in the boxes to complete the sentences in the past tense.

The teacher _____ the bell for lunch.

↑
ring

They all _____ a great time roller skating.

↑
have

Explain:

My sister goed to work on her bike each day.

Why is this sentence incorrect?

Can you write it out correctly?

All about the words!

Activity 2: Vocabulary challenge

At the end of the story, the wombat says, “Have decided that humans are easily trained and make quite good pets.”

What does this mean? Do you find this amusing?
Talk to your grown up.



All about the words!

Activity 2: Vocabulary challenge

Did you spot that the wombat was really saying that she had managed to make the humans do exactly what she wanted? She had caused so much trouble they had given in to her demands so they could have a quiet life. She had trained them to give into her demands just like you can train your pets. That's why she says 'Humans make good pets'.

It's a bit like when my cats sit on my computer keyboard when I'm working to remind me they need me to make a fuss of them. Do you have any pets that do this?

Challenge

Re-write this sentence so it is easier to understand.



Story Time

Activity 3



The Diary of a Kangaroo

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I woke up in the late morning after a good sleep under the trees and decided to bounce over to the nearest house to see what was happening.

The family have a swimming pool in the garden and I thought it would be a great idea to jump in for a quick wash. Ker-splish! The water was feeling so cool and refreshing, although a lot of it splashed out, which left the pool half empty. Honestly, you would think that people would keep the right amount of water in their pools.

In the afternoon, I clambered out of the pool and walked towards the garage. Unfortunately, the water from the pool had made the garden very muddy, so I was leaving a dirty trail all the way across the grass. Really, I thought, people should put paths in their gardens. It would make life much easier.

There was a very smart looking car parked on the drive. With one bounce, I was sitting on its bonnet. I was gazing out at the view for quite a while because it looked so beautiful. Suddenly, strange creaking noises began to come from underneath the car and – crack! – two of the wheels fell off. Well! I was thinking to myself that it wasn't a very well-made car, when I heard a noise...

The family appeared at their gate. They were shouting and pointing at me. I couldn't understand a word they were saying but they seemed to be very excited about something. I didn't have time to stop and talk to them so I bounded off, giving them a cheery wave good bye.

What a fun day. Now, I wonder what I will do tomorrow?

Story Time

Activity 3

The Diary of a Kangaroo



Time to talk:

Who causes more trouble – the wombat in Diary of a Wombat or the kangaroo here? Chat with your grown up about your ideas.

Use these sentence stems to help you:

I think the causes more trouble because.....

Can you explain your ideas by starting your sentence using 'because'

Because, I think thecauses more trouble

Learn Screen

Activity 4: Recognise key features of a diary recount

Look carefully at this list. These are the key features of a diary account. We have looked at these before in class when we wrote 'Big Bird's Diary'.

Uses the past tense

Uses first person pronouns (I, we, my, etc.)

Describes the writer's point of view, thoughts and feelings

Includes opinions as well as facts

Uses ambitious words to describe people and places

Is written in an informal style, as though speaking to someone

Uses time conjunctions to link events

Opinion means your view of something. It means what you think about a situation or event or even an object. For example:

In my opinion Galaxy chocolate is better than Dairy Milk.

Can you use the word 'opinion' in a sentence?

Learn Screen

Activity 4: Recognise key features of a diary recount

Now look carefully back at the diary

Is it clear which day the diary entry is for?
Can you see?

Yes. It says the day at the top of the page.

Does the diary go in chronological order, starting in the morning and ending at night-time? Can you see how time words have been used to join these events.

Yes. it starts in the morning when the family are at work, and continues through the day until the family come home in the evening.

Find some of the verbs in the diary entry.

Are most verbs in the simple past tense?
Find examples. See these and look for your own.

woke up

splashed

spent

Has kangaroo used 'I'?

Yes. The kangaroo has used I because she is writing about herself.

Has kangaroo included her thoughts, feelings and opinions?

Yes. We know exactly what she thinks and feels.

Does the diary use chatty/informal language?

Yes. The kangaroo uses phrases like 'Well I was thinking ...'

Are there lots of fabulous words in this diary account?

Yes.

I love how the kangaroo has used words like 'appeared', 'bounded' and 'seemed'. Can you spot any other brilliant words?

Writing Time

Activity 5: Write a diary entry

Your Task

You are going to write your animal diary entry from the plan you produced yesterday. You can write your diary on paper and add a picture if you like.

Use the 'Time Words' on the next page to help you link your ideas.

Steps to success

- Use the layout and language features of a diary.
- Keep your writing in the past tense.
- Write in full sentences and use conjunctions to link ideas.
- Use different types of sentences – statements, questions, commands and exclamations.
- Use the correct punctuation
- Use your neatest handwriting.

If you have time, why not write the next day's diary entry as well? What trouble will your creature cause then?





TIME CONNECTIVES



Time connectives to begin with	Time connectives to move time on		Time connectives to end with	Time connectives for surprise
firstly	next	afterwards	at last	suddenly
this morning	secondly	a few minutes later	finally	without warning
it all began	after that	a moment later	in the end	all of a sudden
to begin	then	before long	eventually	in the blink of an eye
first of all	later on	at that point	at the end of the day	within seconds
initially	as time passed	after a while	to end the day	out of nowhere

Extra Fun!

Add pictures to your story and read it aloud to your family. Are your family glad they don't have your animal living nearby?



Draw or paint your own picture of a wombat.

Why don't you?

Write down in the past tense any verbs that say what you have done today (watched TV, played in the garden, had lunch). Can you write a short diary account of your day.

Write sentences explaining what you find interesting about wombats.

Write about a real or made up day in the style of The Diary of a Wombat:
Morning... sat around in pjs. Afternoon... played in the garden. Got muddy. Went indoors.

Add some pictures to your diary.

Well done Year 2. You are all superstars

Send in any photos of the work you do to me using our class e-mail.



Bella the cat is very fond of the toy wombat that came from Australia!

WELL
DONE
YOU
DID
IT!