

Writing a DIARY ENTRY

① First you need to know the structure of a diary entry, then read and use the useful phrases:

- **You** write it: „Ich-Perspektive“
- Watch out! Past tense!



Element	phrases
The date of that day	1 st March 2025 2 nd October 2030 3 rd May 2010
Greet the diary	Dear diary, - today I feel great \ bad \ terrible \ awesome \ lonely \ sad \ ... - You won't believe what happened to me today ... - Let me tell you, what happened today... - Today was a special \ weird day. \ ... the best\worst day of my life.
Event Tell what happened	Who was with you? Today, I went ... Where did it happen? This morning, ... What did you do? This afternoon, ...
Feelings When it happened	When did it happen? We had so much fun, when ... I can't believe that ... I was so excited to ... I felt terrible\ horrible\ strange\ I hated it, when ... weird I was really annoyed, when ... I was so angry\upset I was so nervous, but she ...
Interact with the diary	Can you believe it? Do you remember when ... What do you think? What could I have done!? What should I do now?
Feelings Now, looking back	All in all it was a great \ awesome \ fantastic \ unbelievable \ bad \ horrible \ terrible \ sad \ ... day
Say bye!	Yours, <u>your name</u> Until tomorrow, <u>your name</u> See you, <u>your name</u>

Past
Tense!!

Present Tense!!

Useful Phrases: Writing a DIARY ENTRY



- ② Awesome phrases for an awesome diary entry.
Translate them!

Start a sentence with...

English	German	English	German
Hopefully		Lately	
Fortunately		Recently	
Unfortunately		Incidentally	
Luckily		Curiously	
Unluckily		Eventually	
Thankfully		Anyway, ...	
I wonder if ...		At least ...	

Speech like phrases

By the way, ...	I imagine that ...
To tell the truth ...	I should have told you that ...
I must tell you ...	I am (not) looking forward to ...
Right now I'm very ...	I am (not) worried about ...
You will never believe it but ...	I expect that ...
I hope that ...	The best bit is ...
To be honest, ...	The best\worst part\bit is ...

Rhetorical questions

English	German
Can you believe that ...	
You know what?	
Can you imagine it?	
Have you ever ...?	