

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to write a personal diary entry that expresses their thoughts, feelings, and experiences. They will understand the structure of a diary entry and how to use descriptive language to make their writing more engaging.

## Materials and Prep

- Paper or a notebook
- A pen or pencil
- A quiet space for writing
- Knowledge of what a diary is and its purpose

## Activities

- **Discussion on Diaries:** Start with a conversation about what a diary is and why people write them. Ask the student if they have ever kept a diary or journal before.
- **Read an Example:** Share a short example of a diary entry. Discuss what makes it interesting and how the writer expresses their feelings and thoughts.
- **Brainstorming Session:** Have the student think about a recent event or experience they want to write about. Encourage them to jot down key feelings, thoughts, and descriptions related to that experience.
- **Writing Time:** Allow the student to write their own diary entry based on their brainstorming. Remind them to use descriptive language and to express their emotions.
- **Sharing and Feedback:** After writing, invite the student to share their diary entry. Provide positive feedback and discuss what they enjoyed about writing it.

## Talking Points

- "A diary is like a friend that listens to your thoughts and feelings without judging you." - This helps the student understand the personal nature of diary writing.
- "When you write in a diary, you can express yourself freely. There's no right or wrong way to do it!" - This encourages creativity and self-expression.
- "Using descriptive words can make your writing more interesting. Instead of saying 'I was happy,' you could say 'I felt like I was floating on a cloud!'" - This teaches the importance of vivid language.
- "Think about how you felt during the event you want to write about. What made you feel that way?" - This prompts reflection and deeper thinking about their emotions.
- "You can write about anything! It can be a fun day, a tough challenge, or even a dream you had." - This reassures the student about the variety of topics they can choose.
- "Your diary is your own space. You can keep it private or share it with someone you trust." - This emphasizes the personal aspect of diary writing.
- "Don't worry about spelling or grammar too much. The important thing is to express what's in your heart!" - This reduces anxiety about writing perfectly.
- "You can use drawings or doodles to express yourself, too! Sometimes a picture says more than words." - This encourages creativity beyond writing.
- "Reading your past entries can help you see how you've grown and changed over time." - This highlights the reflective aspect of keeping a diary.
- "Try to write regularly, even if it's just a few sentences. It helps make writing a habit!" - This encourages consistency in writing.
- "Remember, your diary is a safe space for your thoughts. Write what feels right for you!" - This reinforces the idea of personal freedom in writing.
- "Have fun with it! Writing can be an adventure, just like a story!" - This encourages a positive attitude towards the writing process.