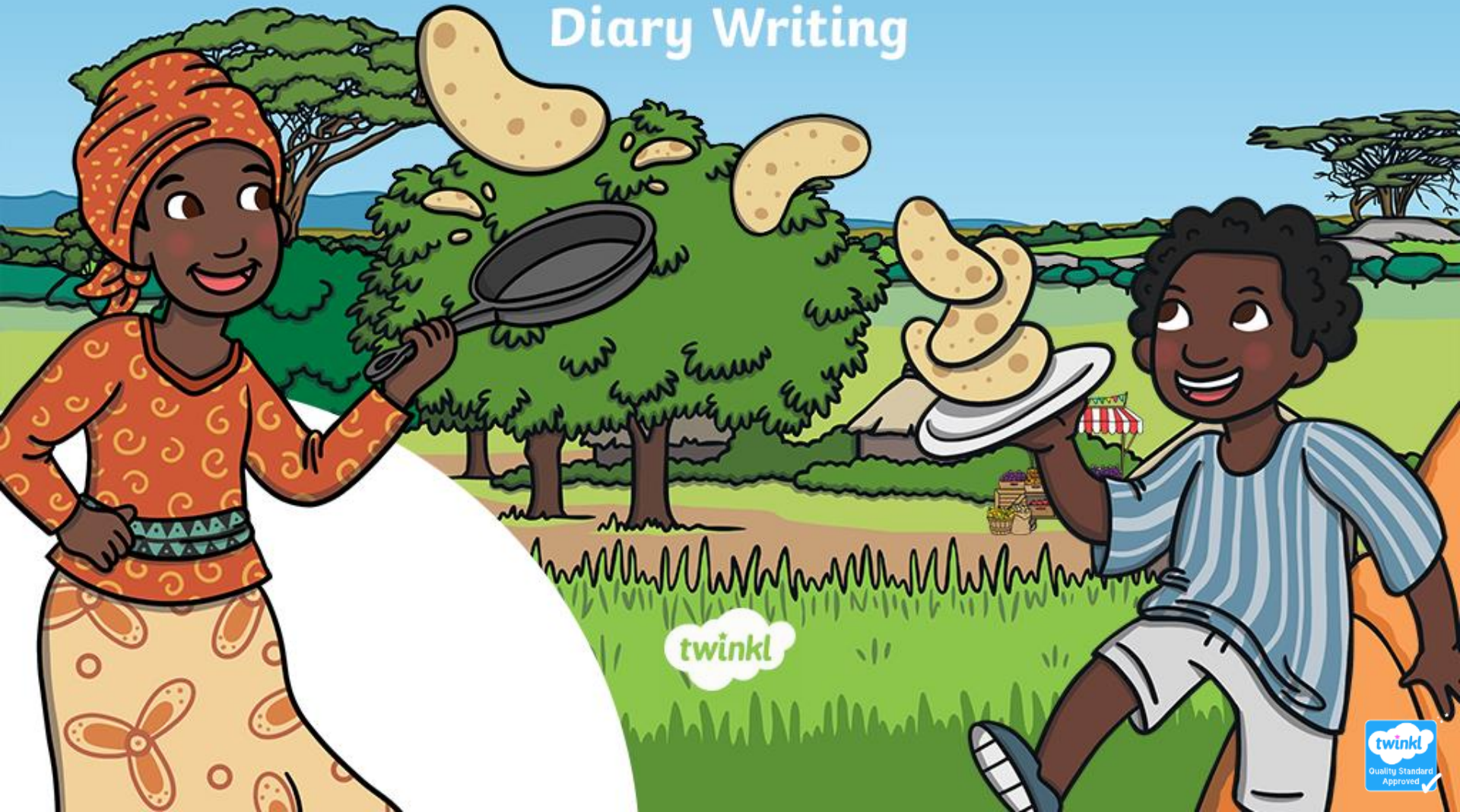


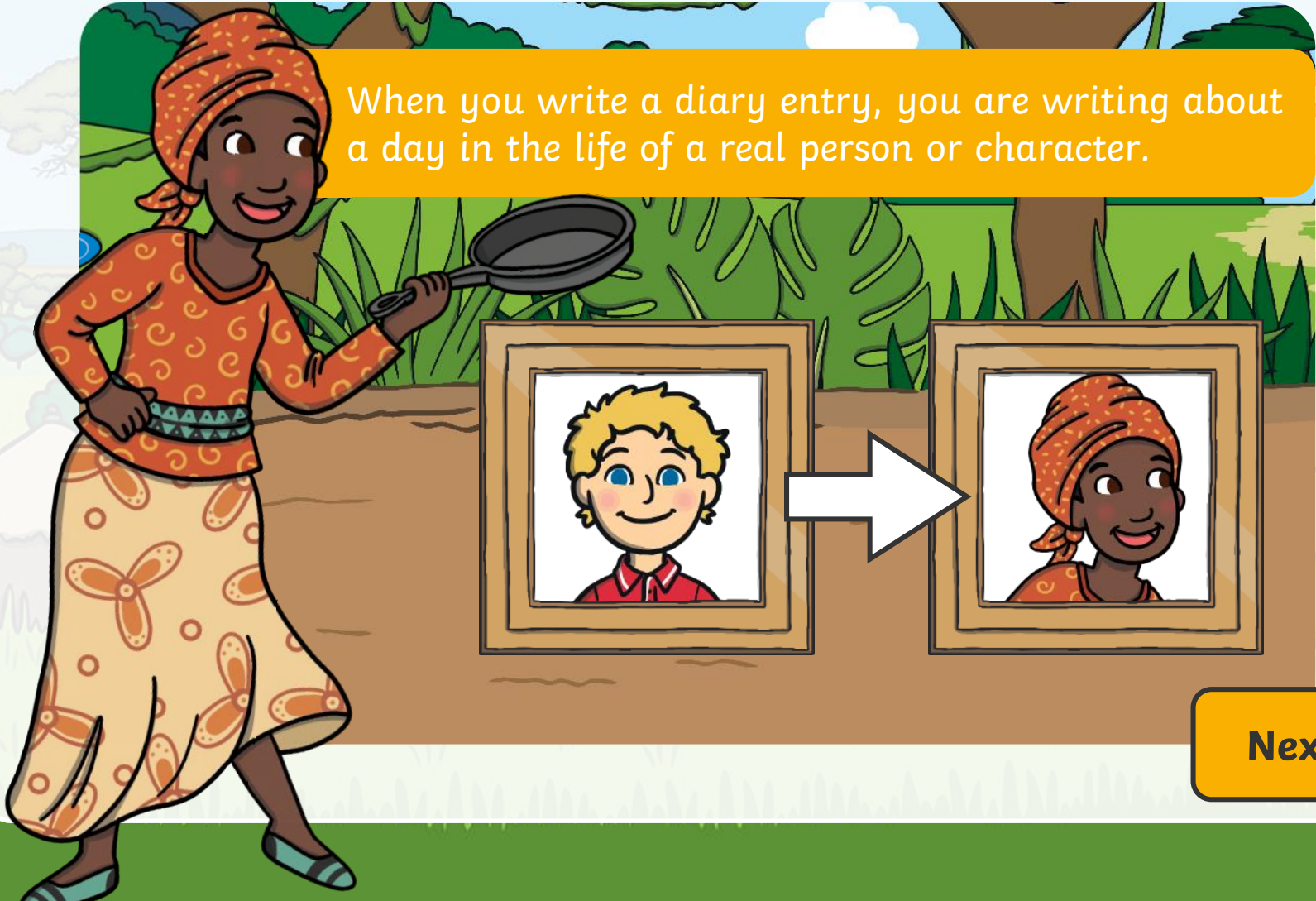
The Great Pancake Feast

Diary Writing



Writing a Diary Entry

When you write a diary entry, you are writing about a day in the life of a real person or character.



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Writing a Diary Entry

Imagine you are someone inviting your friends over for your favourite food.



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Let's find out more about the key features of diaries that you will need to include in your writing.

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'I', 'My', 'We', 'Our'



These words are special because they tell us the diary is being written **by** someone and they are talking about **themselves**.

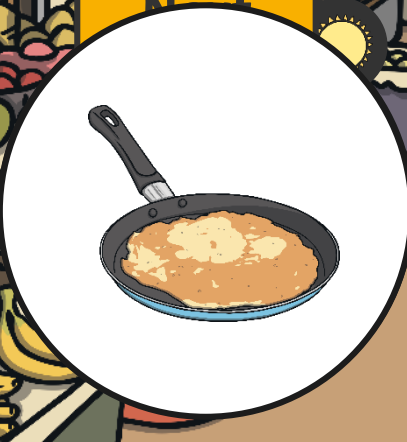
Look at these **Next** examples. Which one do you think was written by the person doing the action?

Click on the diary to reveal the example text.

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Putting the Events in Order

What could happen if you put the events in the wrong order?

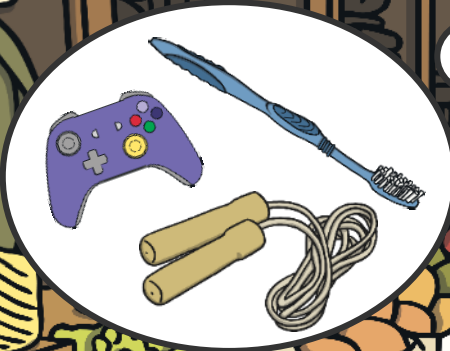


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Putting the Events in Order

Can you order the things you did yesterday?

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Tell your partner the events
in the correct order.

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Using Time Linking Words

To make sure that events are in the correct order, it is helpful to include time linking words. You might want to use '**first**', '**next**' and '**then**'.

Example Answers

First, I bought some flour for the pancakes.

Then, I saw my best friend Thema at her fruit stand.

Next, I ran over to the spice stand to pick out a chilli.

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Describing Your Feelings

In a diary, you might include feelings, hopes or fears that you wouldn't want anyone to know about.

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Look at the example below. Where has this diary writer described their feelings?

Dear Diary,
We walked to the market. **I was so excited to buy all the ingredients we needed to make pancakes and I wanted to share this excitement with all my friends.**

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What Do You Need to Include in a Diary Entry?

Take a look at this example to give you some ideas.

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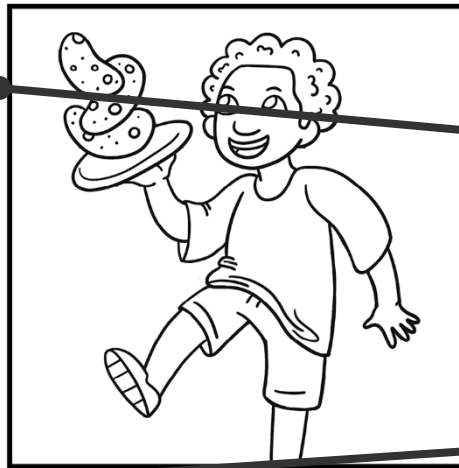
Use words, **I, my, we, our**

Dear Diary,

Saturday 10th June

Date

On Saturday morning, after breakfast, Mama told me we were going to the market. I put on my best clothes and ran ahead with Mama's walking stick.



Write as if you were there at the time.

Write the most important events in order.

When Mama was ready, we walked to the market. I was so excited to buy all the ingredients that we needed to make pancakes and I wanted to share this excitement with all my friends.

Describe how you felt.

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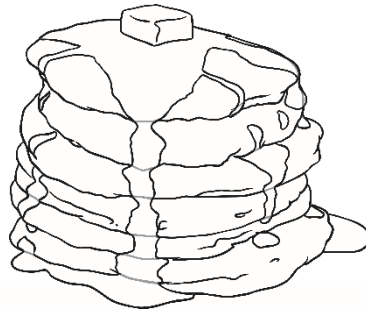
On the way to the market, we met our friend James. He was sitting near his house, next to the old river. I was so eager to tell him about the pancakes and I invited him to come along.

Talk about where the events happened.

Write as if you were there at the time.

Write the most important events in order.

Later on the journey, I saw my friends Bea and Abeni feeding their chickens. I invited them to come for pancakes. Mama looked concerned - she told me that we would not have enough pancakes but I knew that it would be fine.



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At the market, we bought some salt and flour first. I also invited Gina to come for pancakes. Mama looked worried but I knew that we would have enough.

Then I saw my best friend Thema at her fruit stand. I told Mama we had to invite her for pancakes too because they were her favourite.

Talk about where the events happened.

Describe how you felt.

Use linking words, **first**, **then**, **next**.

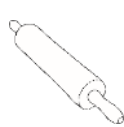
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Next, I ran over to the spice stand to pick out the best chilli for Mama and I invited Fatima to come for pancakes as well. Mama looked very worried but I knew that we would have enough.

Back at home, Mama lit the fire and the delicious smell of cooking pancakes wafted around the village. One by one our friends arrived for the pancake feast. They all brought delicious food and treats with them to add to our feast. Mama looked pleased and we all had a great evening.

Use linking words,
first, then, next.

Write as if
you were
there at the
time.

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Diary Writing Checklist

Use this checklist to help you write your own diary entry.

Have you included...	Next
the date and perhaps the time?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
some of the words: I, my, we, our ?	<input type="checkbox"/>
the most important events in order?	<input type="checkbox"/>
where the events happened?	<input type="checkbox"/>
detail about the events as if you were there at the time?	<input type="checkbox"/>
how you felt?	<input type="checkbox"/>
some linking words: first, next, then ?	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Finish





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