

Mild

To answer questions on a text

1. How do we know this is a diary?

I know this is a diary because it says 'Dear Diary' at the beginning. It is also written in the first person as it says 'my' and 'I'.

2. What is this diary entry about?

This diary entry is about the authors first day at school.

3. What are the names of the two teachers?

The two teachers are called Mr Mills and Mrs Clements.

4. Who showed the author around the playground?

The author was shown around the playground by Louis and Peter.

5. Who do you think wrote this diary entry?

This diary was written by a child in primary school.

6. The author says they 'had a funny feeling in my stomach all morning'.

They were feeling:

- Happy
- Sad
- Nervous

The author was feeling nervous.

7. What is another word that means the same as 'emotions'?

A word that means the same as emotions is feelings.

8. How many time adverbials can you find in the text? For example, yesterday or eventually.

After, next, during, yesterday are examples of time adverbials in the text.

Spicy / Hot

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1. List three features of a diary.

The diary is written in the first person, it is written in the past tense and it is written in chronological order.

2. What is this diary entry about? Give two examples that prove your answer.

The diary is about the authors first day at school. I know this because the author says, 'my first ever lesson at Hobworth Primary School'. It also says that she had 'worked on genre at her old school'. This suggests that the author had previously attended a different school.

3. Who do you think wrote this diary entry? Give evidence to support your answer.

I think the diary entry was written by a child who was about 8 to 11 years old. I know this because the author attended a primary school. I think they were at the upper end of primary education because they were conducting experiments on reversible and irreversible changes which is something one would do in year 4, 5 or 6.

4. Do you think this is the first day of school for everyone or just the author? Give evidence to support your answer.

I think the first day at school was just for the author as the author says that 'the family had moved because the dad had got a promotion'.

5. The author says they 'had a funny feeling in my stomach all morning'. What does this imply that they were feeling?

'Had a funny feeling in my stomach all morning' implies that the author had butterflies in their stomach and was nervous.

6. Find a synonym in the text that means the same as 'comforted'.

Reassured is a synonym for comforted.

7. How did the teacher comfort the author when they were asked to complete the spelling test?

The teacher, Mr Mills, comforted the author by suggesting that the author has a go.

8. At what moment of the day was the author the most nervous or uncomfortable? Explain your answer using at least one example from the text.

The author was nervous all morning before. I know this because the author says, 'I'd had a funny feeling in my stomach.' This suggests that the author had butterflies in the stomach indicating nervousness.

9. What other time adverbials could be used in this text?

Later that day, eventually are examples of other time adverbials that could be used in the text.

10. Can you recall your first day of school? Write a short paragraph about how you felt using the structure of the text and time adverbials to help you.