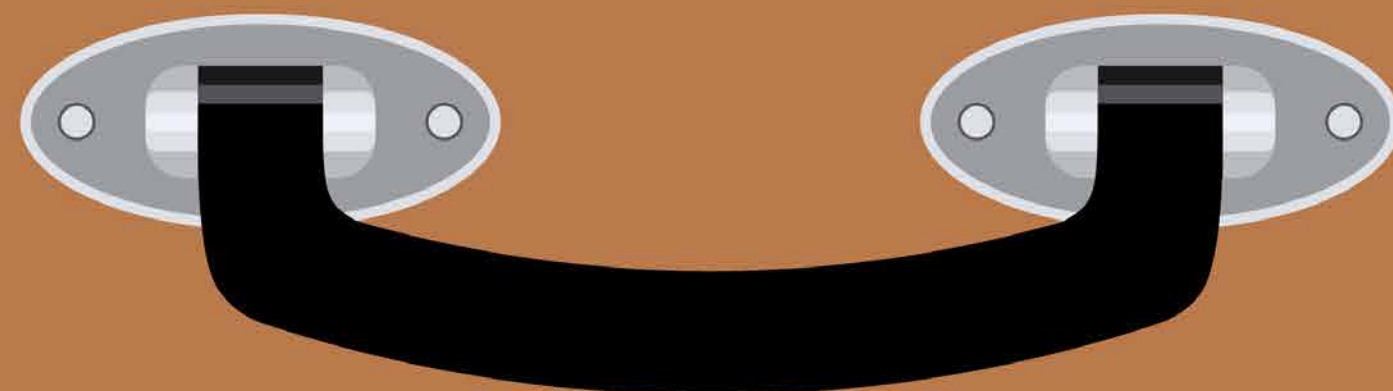


Evacuee Diaries

Learning Objective:
To identify key features of a diary entry.



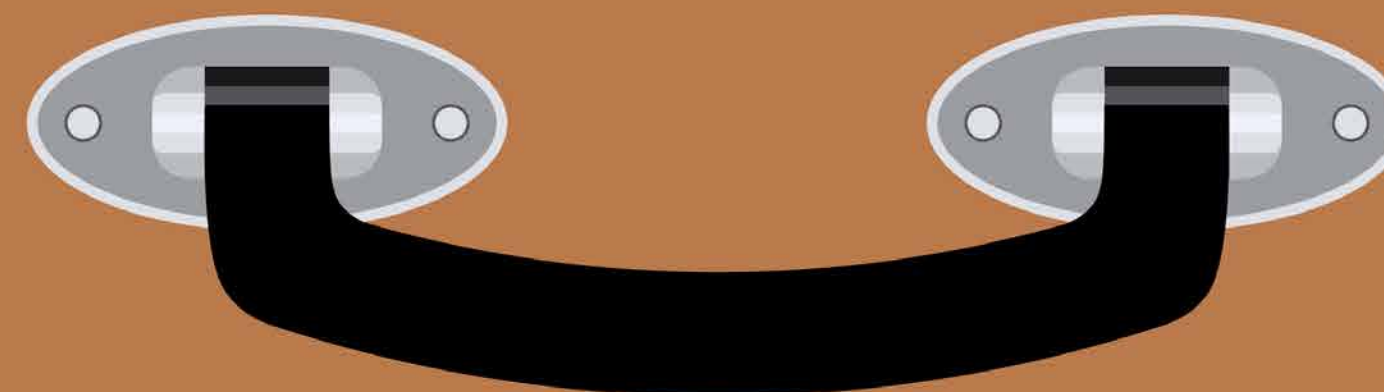
Think, pair, share...



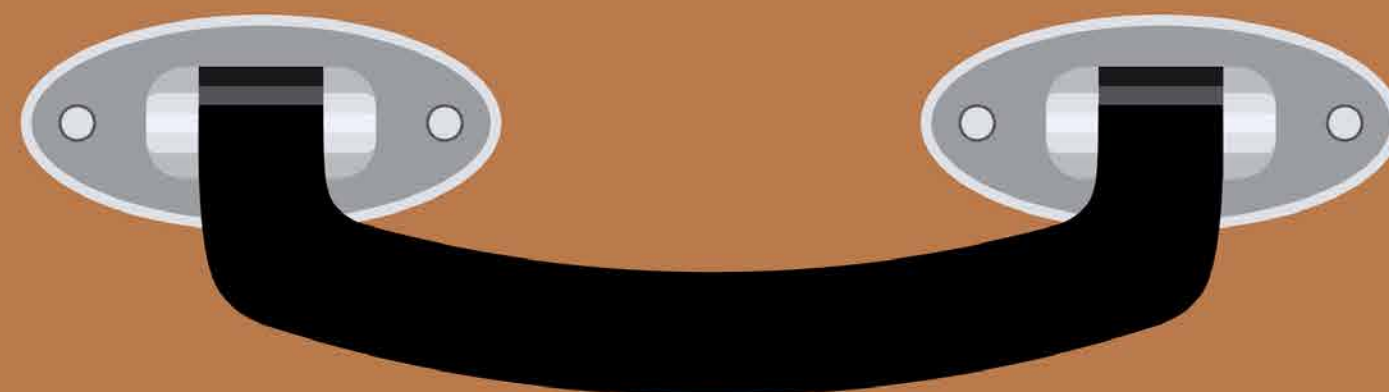
Why might someone write a diary?

Who are they for?

What features might be in a diary entry?



A diary is a safe, private space for the author to record their thoughts, feelings and opinions on events happening in their lives. They are not meant for a particular audience.



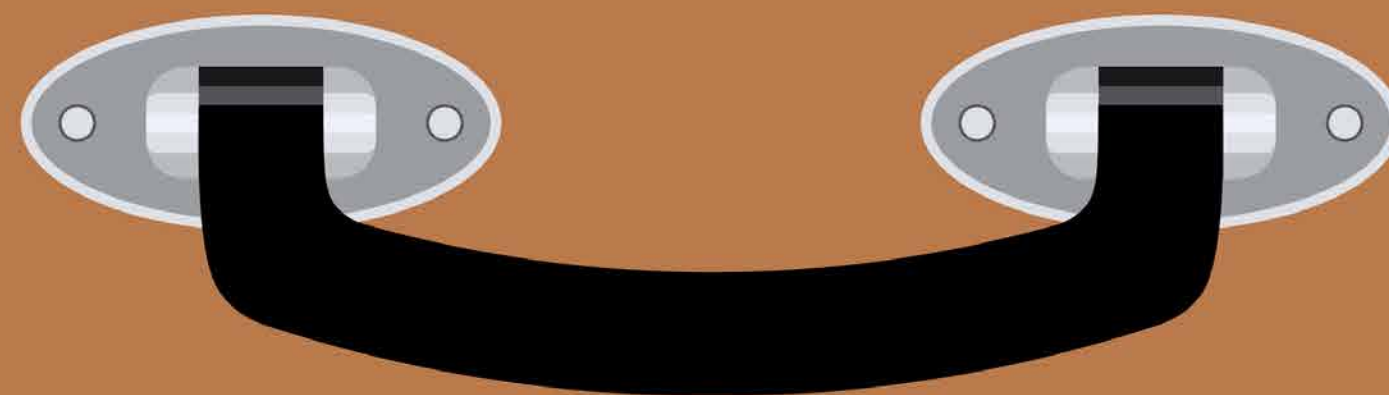
Which one of these sentences would you most likely find in a diary entry?

Tommy thought Sarah was teasing him. His eyes stung with tears as he ran away.

I thought Sarah was teasing me. My eyes stung with tears as I ran away.



Can you explain why?
What feature of a diary entry is this an example of?

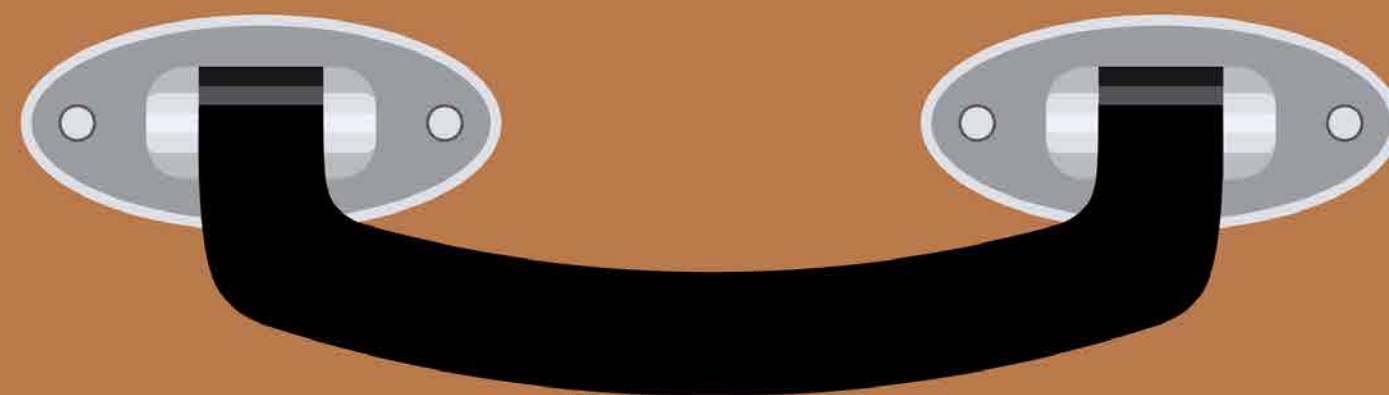


I thought Sarah was teasing me. My eyes stung with tears as I ran away.

This sentence is in the **first person**. The author is writing about their own life, re-telling the events in their life from their own point of view.



First person uses pronouns such as I, me, my

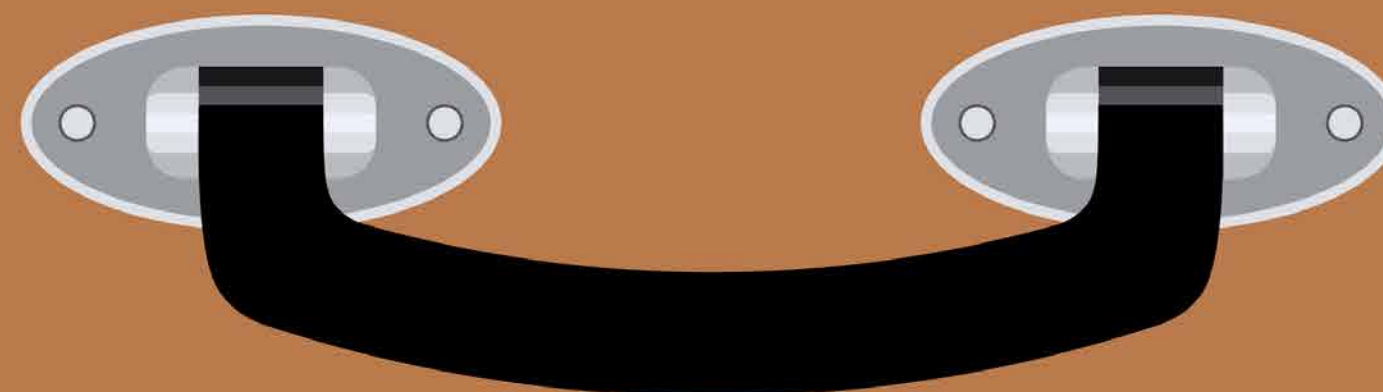


Which one of these sentences would you most likely find in a diary entry?

When I arrived at school this morning I could hardly contain my excitement. The first thing I did was find my friend Amelia.

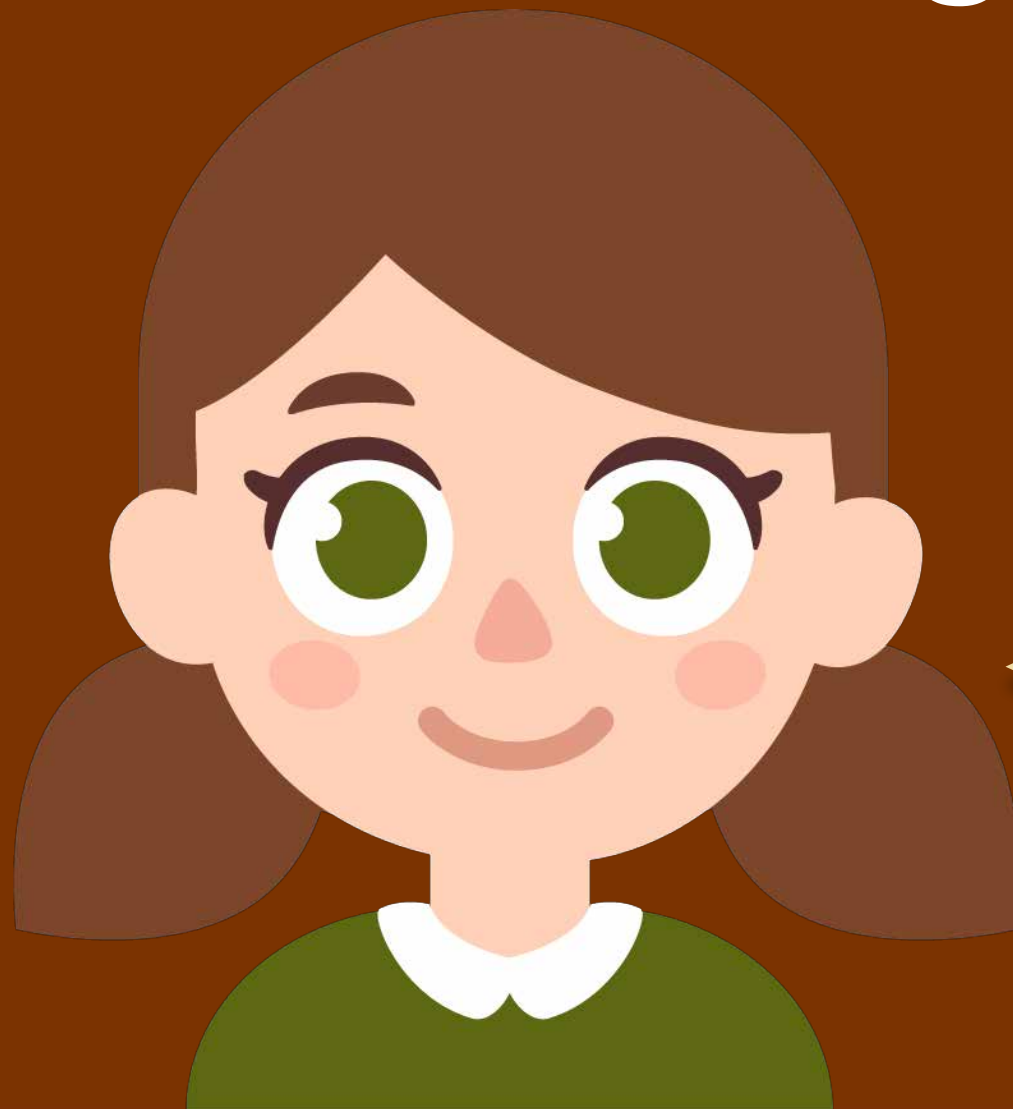
At school, I find my friend Amelia because I am excited.

Can you explain why?
What feature(s) of a diary entry is this an example of?



When I arrived at school this morning I could hardly contain my excitement. The **first** thing I did was find my friend Amelia.

This extract shows examples of time connectives and **chronological order**. It is also in **past tense**.



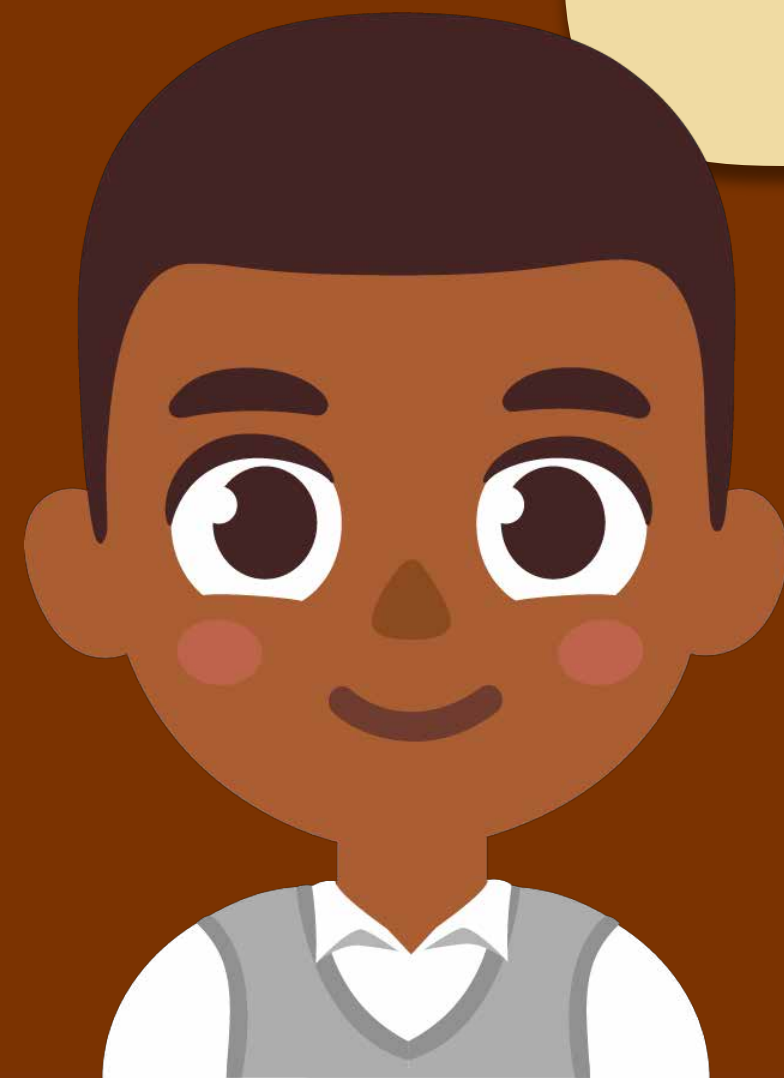
A diary re-tells the event that have already happened in the order they happened in. Using time connectives like after, before, next, then etc. can help make the order clearer.



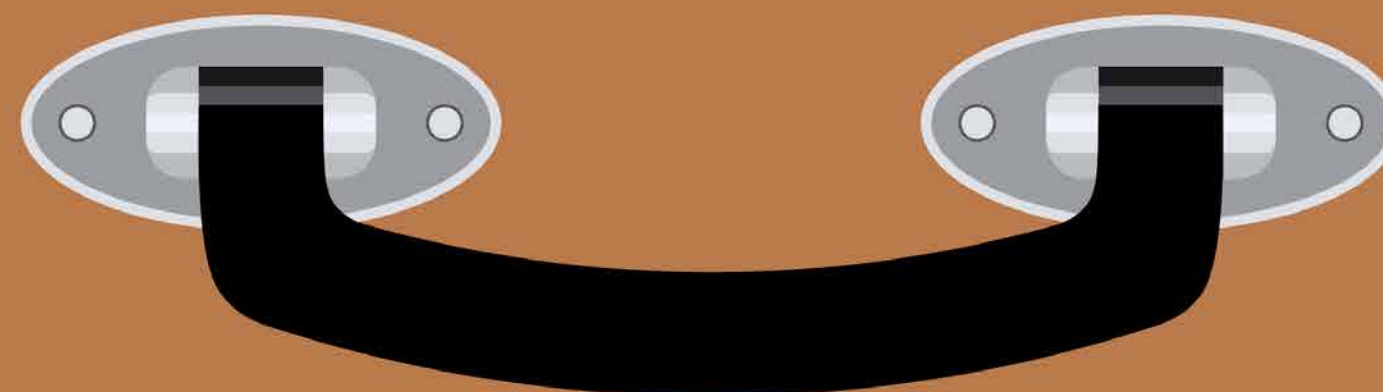
Which one of these sentences would you most likely find in a diary entry?

I s'pose I should call it a day and get some kip. G'night diary.

It is time that I stop writing and go to bed. Good night diary.

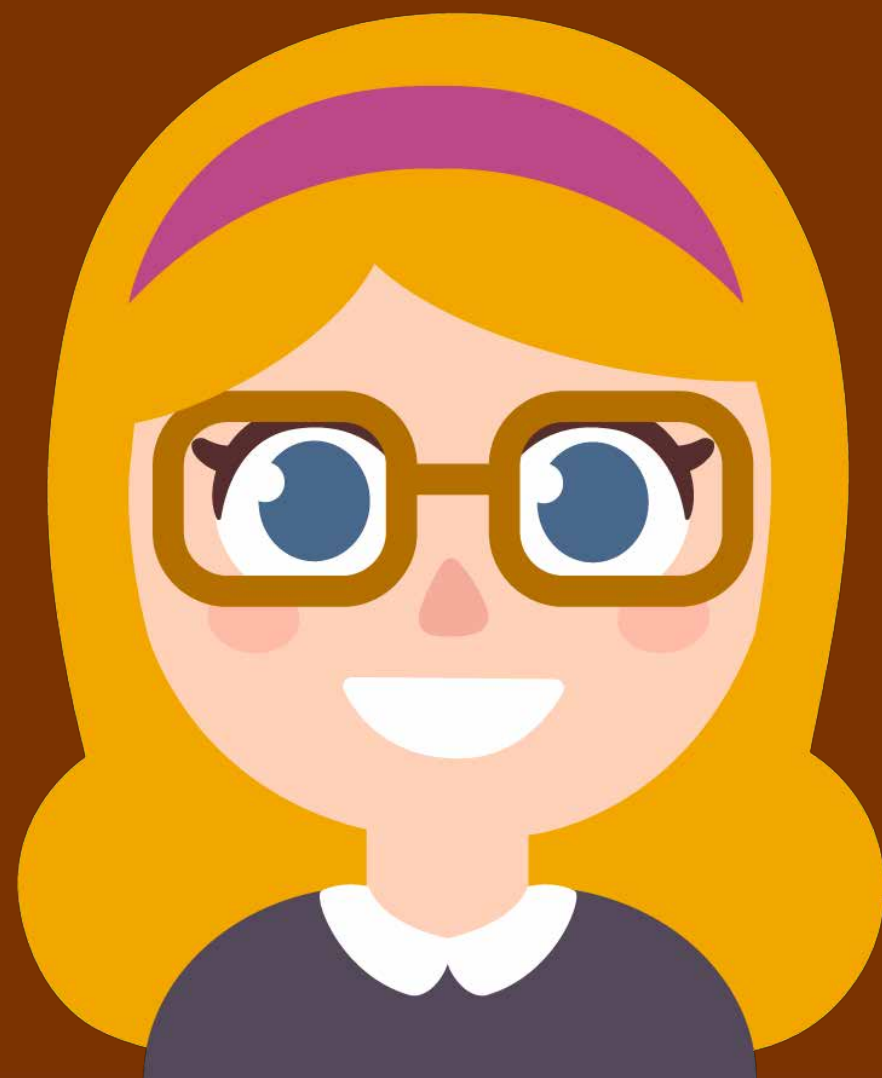


Can you explain why?
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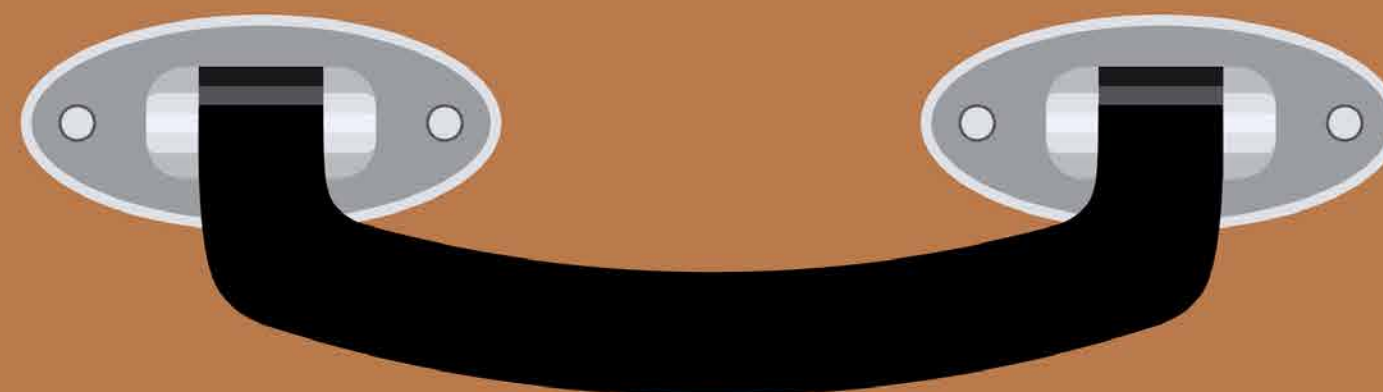
I **s'pose** I should call it a day and get some kip. **G'night** diary.

This extract shows examples of **informal language**.



This example shows **contractions** where apostrophes have been used to mark missing letters. This kind of writing reflects how we talk to a familiar friend. The example also shows examples of colloquial language and idioms.

[Click here to find out more about idioms.](#)



I've got a million things to do!

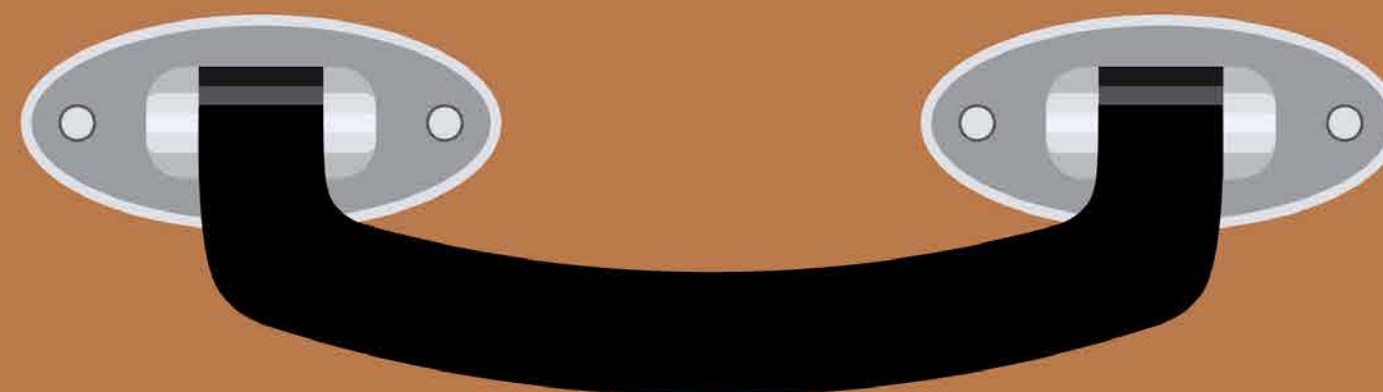
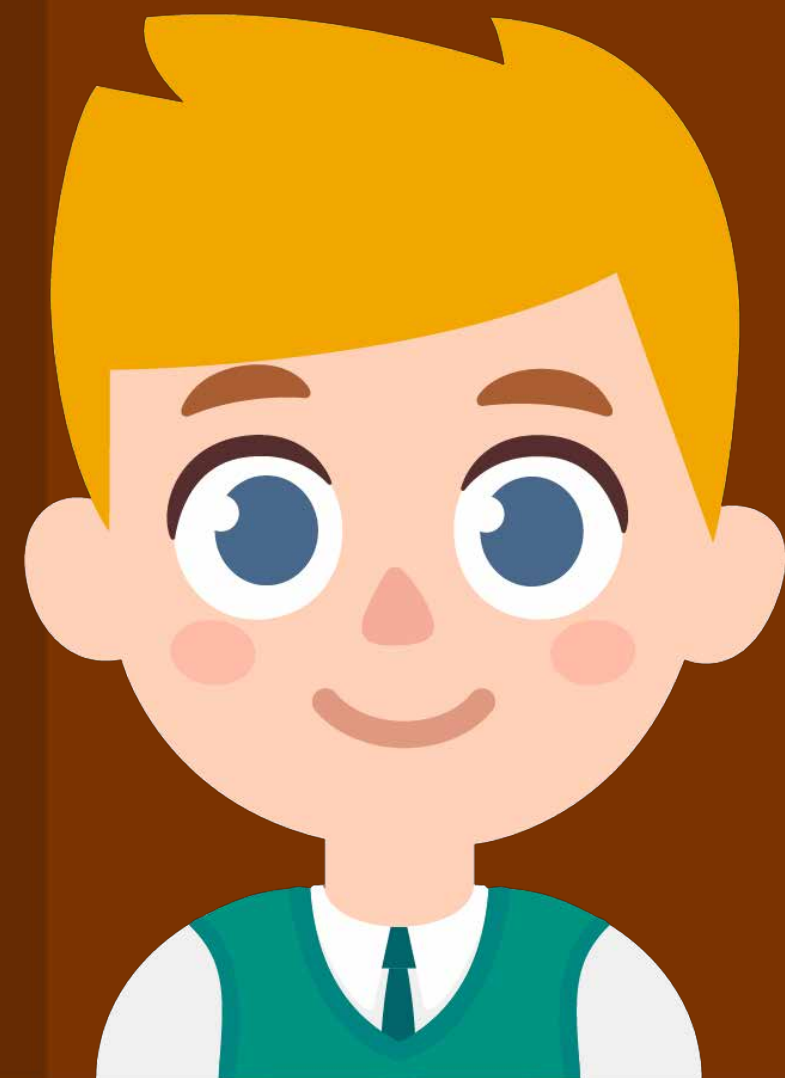
I had a ton of homework!

Today was the worst day ever!

I could eat a horse!

It's so hot I could fry an egg on the pavement.

The informal tone of a diary entry can sometimes lead to exaggeration and the use of **hyperbole**. This adds to the personal thoughts and feelings of the author.



Most diary entries will be written as if they are talking to the diary itself.

You can create this effect by using rhetorical questions to talk directly to the diary/reader.

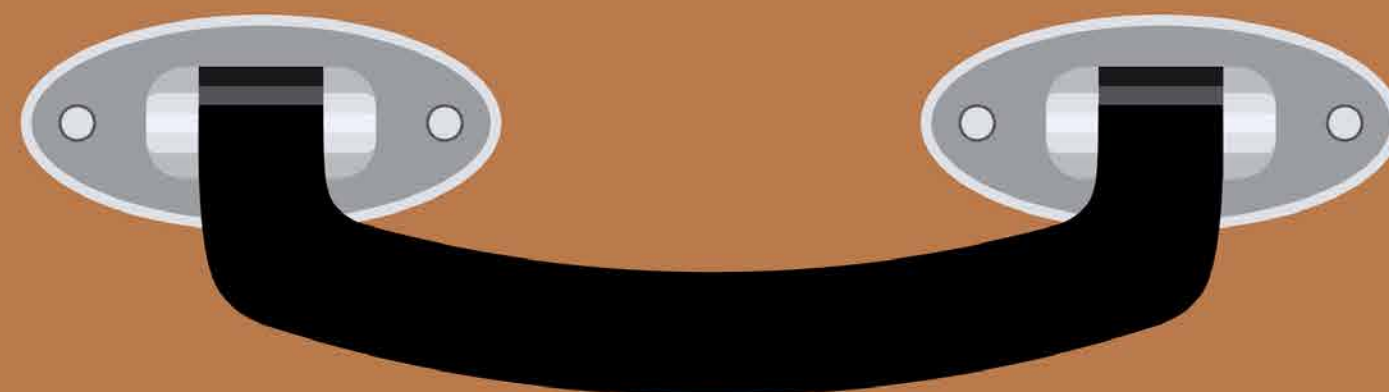


How exciting is that?

Why oh why does everything happen to me?

How long was I going to be there for?

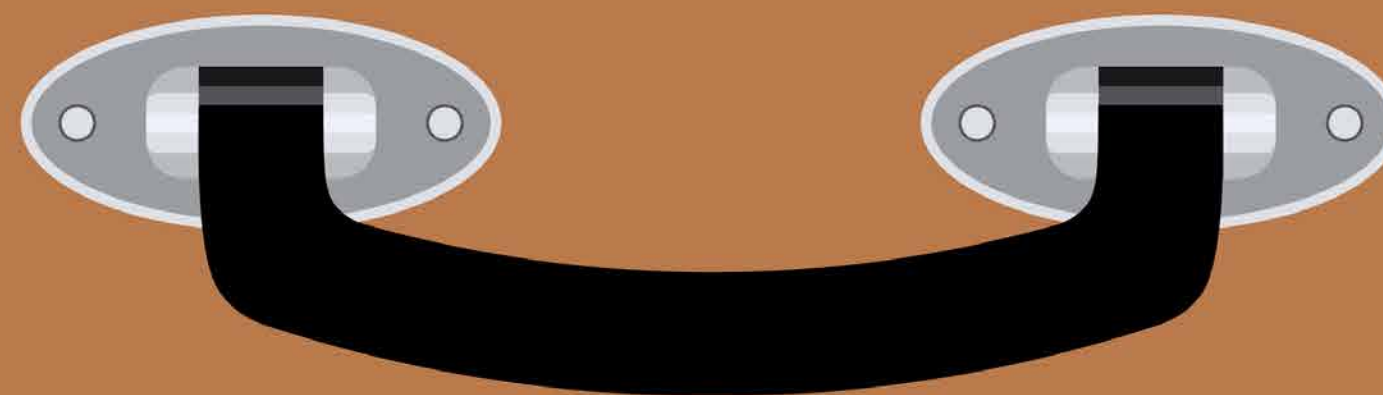
What if they didn't like me?



- **First person**
 - Thoughts, opinions and feelings
 - I, me, my
- **Chronological order**
 - Time connectives: first, then, after, etc.
- **Mostly past tense**
- **Informal language**
 - Contractions and colloquial language
 - Idioms
 - Hyperbole
 - Rhetorical questions

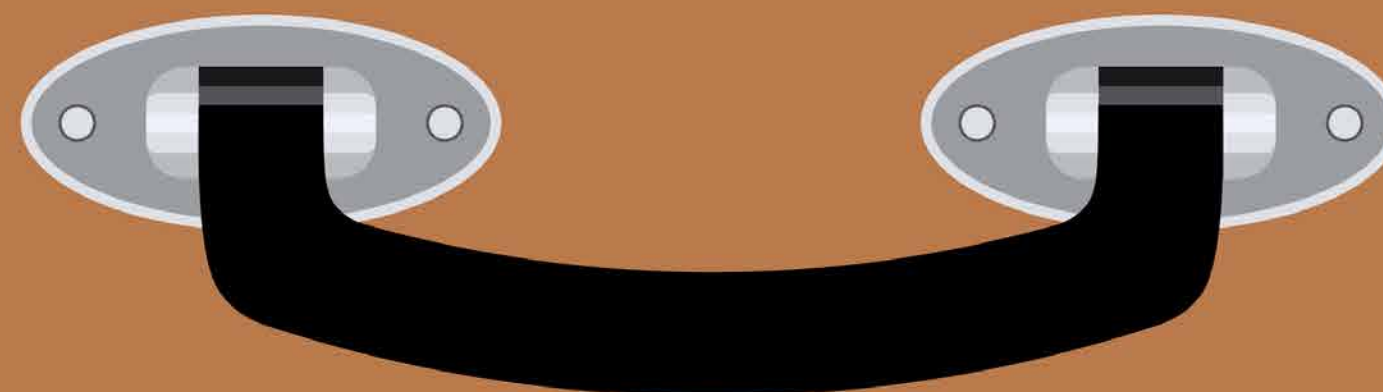
Here are some of the features we've looked at so far.

Are there any other diary entry features that you can think of which aren't on this list?



Features of a diary entry

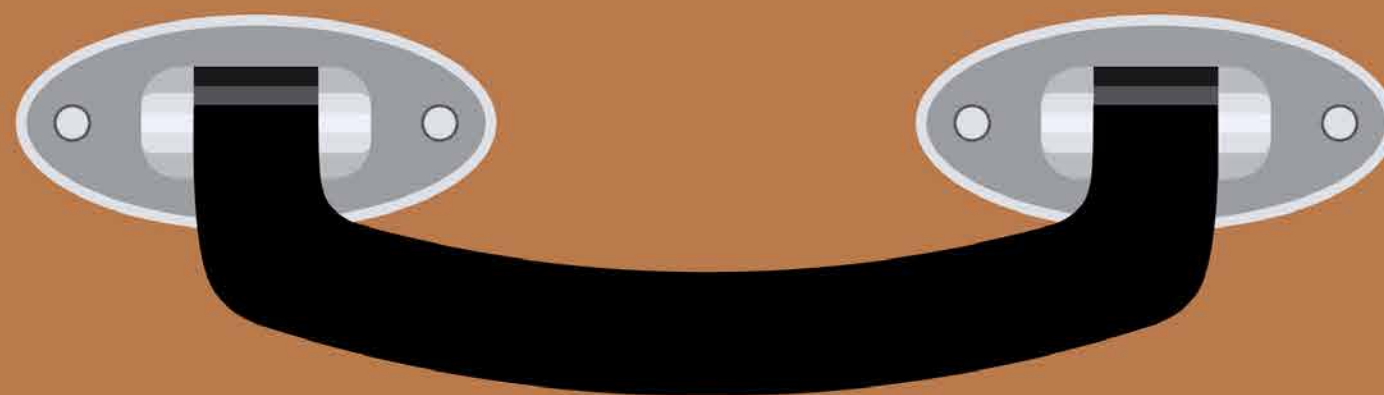
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Plenary



Why do you think an evacuee might start writing a diary?



Idioms

Idioms can be confusing as they have meanings that might not match their literal translation. We use them to express ourselves in creative ways.

Do you know
the meanings
of these
common
idioms?

Which do you
think might be
suitable for
diary entries?



As easy as ABC

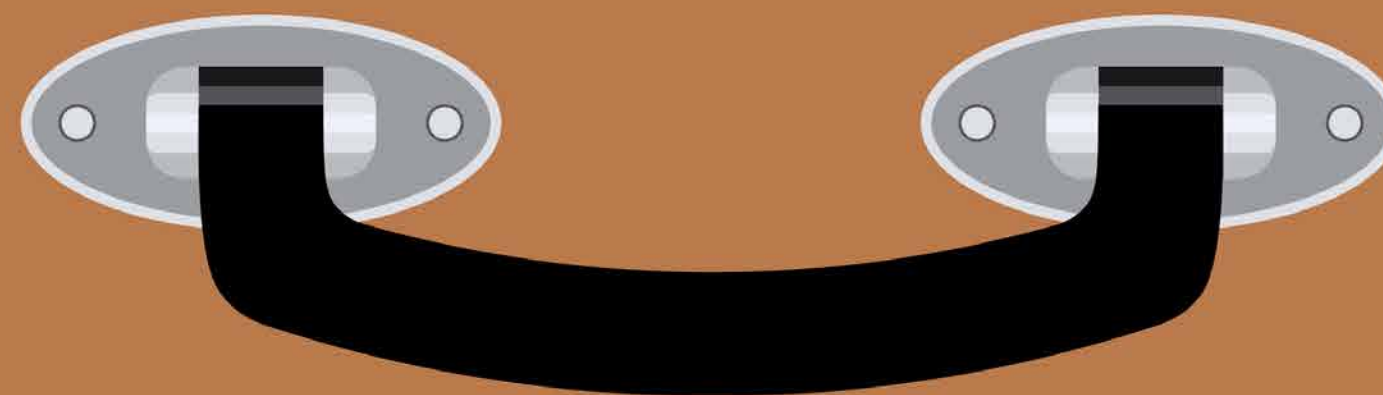
Call it a day

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Have mixed feelings

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Idioms

As easy as ABC A really easy task

Call it a day Time to stop or quit

Draw a blank To not remember something

Pull your socks up Improve your behaviour or work

Have mixed feelings To be unsure of how you feel

In the same boat To be in the same situation



Did you figure them out?
Do you know of any other idioms that you'd like to share?

