

Saturday 9th January 2021

Uses the past tense	
Uses first person pronouns (I, we, my, etc.)	
Describes the writer's point of view, thoughts and feelings	
Includes opinions as well as facts	
Uses ambitious words to describe people and places	
Is written in an informal style, as though speaking to someone	
Uses time conjunctions to link events	
Organises events into paragraphs	
Uses inverted commas to show direct speech	

Dear Diary,

I had a really busy day today! I went for a nice bike ride by the sea today. The fields were really muddy so I nearly fell off at least twice! It was really good fun but I didn't go very quickly. I bumped into my friend Tom and we stopped for a chat. When I asked if he wanted a race, he said "No thanks mate, this is my first time out since Christmas!". We said that we would try to go out together for a ride as soon as we can and have time (Tom is a doctor in the same hospital as Kate so he works a lot of weekends). When I got home, I had to give my bike a wash because I needed to properly clean

my brakes (they won't work very well next time if they're covered in thick, dried-on mud).

After I put my bike away, I had more jobs to do! We are redecorating the living room, so we needed to get started on it. Whilst Kate did the edges (she has a steady hand) I had to paint with the rollers and cover most of the wall. I think I did a decent job but we won't know until tomorrow when the paint is dry and I can see and bits I missed the first time. I did sneeze with the brush on the wall once and the shock nearly made me put paint on the ceiling! I'm so glad I managed not to – our living room walls are blue and the ceiling is white so it would have looked so obvious!

Once we'd finished for the day and cleaned our brushes, we had tea and watched a film. Our tea was a really tasty stir fry and the film was alright (I was reading a book so I wasn't really paying attention to it). The plan for tomorrow is more painting (hopefully not for too long!) and a nice beach walk if the weather is OK.

I'll try to write again soon,

Mr M