

# Thursday English

Can I write a fictional diary?

Warm up- how can we group these words?

Christopher      exciting      gold  
wet      sails  
spices      blue      choppy      row  
scrub      hot      terrifying  
sailor      oars  
ship      sail      churning      greet

Today we are going to start to write a fictional diary entry as Christopher Columbus.

On the next slide is an example of a diary entry written as Christopher Columbus. Ask an adult to help you to read it.

Dear Diary,

It is a fortnight since we set sail from Spain on our voyage of discovery.

At first we were all very positive. My crew and I were certain that, before long, we would spot land.

Alas, all I see for mile upon mile is the churning, black and blue ocean. Not even animals seem to survive in this endless ocean. I cannot remember the last time I heard the screech of a gull.

Today was the worst day since we left dry land. In the morning, we woke to a sky full of black clouds and an angry wind, which was whipping up the sea.

For breakfast, I ate bacon from a recently killed pig with a dry slice of bread. When I shouted at the cook about the lack of eggs, he said that the chickens were not laying. Apparently, the chickens do not like these choppy seas either.

When I went on deck, the crew were running about wildly, trying to get the ship ready for the storm that was clearly coming. I was in a bad temper and shouted again, this time at a deck hand.

Later, I had lunch with the other senior crew members. I was horrified to learn that all the crew were getting for lunch was half a tin of ham each. One angry shipmate told me they had also only eaten watery porridge for breakfast. We are running out of food! They gave me very angry looks and nobody would speak to me.

I am beginning to fear that we will all die of hunger before we find land again.

Just after dark, the rain came. It lashed against the deck, soaking us all within minutes. The waves rocked the ship and seemed to rise 7 metres in the air and the wind whipped furiously at the sail.

The crew were terrified. I heard them screaming and shouting as they tried to control the ship's direction.

A short while ago, the first mate came to see me to tell me the crew were furious at the lack of food, the weather and the lack of land. He said they want to turn the ship back. I pray that we find land soon or I worry that I will be thrown overboard by the starving crew.



# What do you need to include?

1. First person- I, me, my, our, we.
2. Write in the past tense.
3. Use adjectives to describe what you might see, hear, feel, taste and smell.
4. Use openers- first, next, then, after that.