

Friday 5th March, 2021

LO: To write a diary

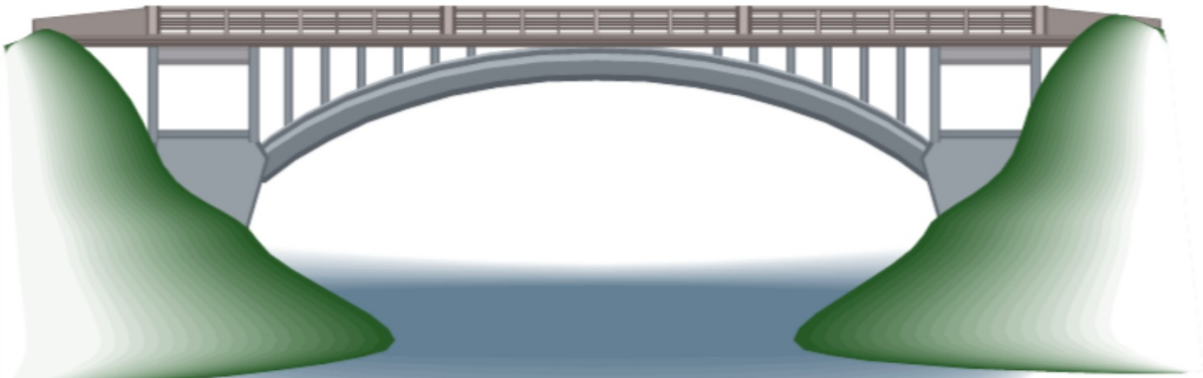


Success Criteria

Topic: I can draw upon factual accounts to inform my diary

I can make efficient notes to inform my plan

I know the style of a diary - content and emotions



Yesterday, you wrote your fifth diary entries:

- Fifth diary entry: nearing the summit, illness, how are you feeling, include emotions of determination.

The first task for today is to edit yesterday's writing.

Make sure you have read the feedback we have given you, along with the check list, then read your work again and make edits to improve.



## Points to remember:

- Written in first person

- Past tense

It will be a good opportunity to try out a range of punctuation to show you are achieving Year 6 objectives.

- Informal tone

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- Chronological order

- Events described in detail

- Emotive language

Now find a different coloured pen/pencil (green would be best) and use your Arms and Cogs to carefully edit your work to make improvements.

TARGET: try and include one of each of the different ways of editing: add, remove, move, substitute

<b>ARMS</b> for editing	<b>COGS</b> for proof-reading
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Today's task will be to write your final diary entry.

You will have a decision to make today - do you make it to the top or will you have to turn round and go back down due to illness.

Final diary entry: reaching the summit - do you make it?

Use your notes from the blog to help you write your diary entries and also watch the video to help.



Link on Year 6 home learning page

## WAGOLL : final diary entry: reaching the summit

Thursday June 25th 2003: Camp IV 26000 feet

The feelings amongst us are hard to describe: Tony and I made it to the summit late Tuesday afternoon with all our sherpas and in an instant; the aches, the sore throats and even poor Nuri's sore eyes, all left us as we took in the deep satisfaction of success. Our welcome back at camp 4 was overwhelming. And now there is real real hope that the others can make it too. There has been no fresh snow for 3 days and the forecast is set to fair. We could be about to break all the record books for the most members of a group reaching the summit of the world's highest mountain!



**TASK:** look at the blog entries about attempting to get to the top. Remember to make notes as you read through.



Camp 4 on the South Col at sunset.

We finally got to the highest camp. It is 3,000 feet below the top of Mt. Everest. It was very nice at sunset but also very cold. I looked down on the top of the clouds! I felt like I was looking out an airplane window but still standing on the ground. Because we were so high up on the mountain, we only spent 7 or 8 hours to rest and eat before leaving for the summit.



Clouds over Mt. Everest.

One of the problems in climbing Everest is bad weather. Strong winds and deep snow can make it too dangerous to try for the top. So every team waits until the weather forecast says it will be calm with no snow. This only happens two weeks every year when big storms in India push the strong winds on Everest away. During these two weeks all the climbers try to reach the top.



Alan in his down suit with oxygen. Can you see the tube running down his front?

We used extra oxygen to climb Everest. The oxygen was in big metal bottles I carried in my backpack. I looked like a spaceman with the mask on my face. Since it was very cold and windy, I wore a puffy suit that was filled with goose feathers just like in my sleeping bag. I also had a hood that protected my head and I had gloves for my hands. I wore goggles to protect my eyes.





My teammates getting ready to leave for the summit.

We left our warm tents in the middle of the night because it is easier to climb at night when the snow is hard and frozen. It takes over 18 hours to reach the top of Everest and come back to camp. We use flashlights that we wear on our heads to see where to go. It was very quiet and nice. I saw many stars that night.



Everest as seen from Camp 4. I turned around near the red dot. Can you find it?

I climbed higher and higher that night. After 3 hours I felt very sick. My stomach hurt and it was hard to breathe. I thought about why I was climbing Everest and my family. I really wanted to stand on the top. I knew I had done my best and if I went higher then I would be in trouble and might even put my teammates in danger if they had to help me. So I turned around and went back to the Camp. It was the right thing to do.



Alan in the medical tent.

It took me 2 days to go back to basecamp. I was very sick. The Doctor helped me by giving me medicine. It was good to sleep. I was very hungry and thirsty. Remember Chhombga, our cook? He made me a special meal that tasted good. I soon left Nepal to go home. I was very happy to see my family again and to know that even though I did not stand on the top of the tallest mountain on Earth, I did do my best.



Alan on the summit of the highest mountain in the world, Mt. Everest

I returned to climb Mt. Everest and stood on the summit on May 21, 2011. You can read about my climb over the internet on my [Blog](http://www.alanarnette.com/blog) at [www.alanarnette.com/blog](http://www.alanarnette.com/blog).

This was to raise awareness and research funds for Alzheimer's Disease and 100% of all donations go to Alzheimer's. This was part of climbing the [7 Summits](#) - the highest mountain on each continent.

By the end of today's task you will have written your final diary entry of your Mount Everest expedition.

Did you make it to the top?

Your finished diary should include:

- Day 1: arriving in Nepal and travelling to base camp
- Day 2: base camp, setting up camp, meeting team mates and sherpas, equipment and weather
- Day 3: the climb begins
- Day 4: the climb starts getting tough
- Day 5: nearing the summit, illness, how are you feeling, include emotions of determination.
- Day 6: reaching the summit - do you make it?

Please upload your final diary to Assignments. It can be on word, powerpoint or hand written.