

WWII

Diary Entry

SPaG Starter – identifying phrases and clauses

What are phrases and clauses?

A clause is a group of words that contain a subject and a verb. A main clause can act as a sentence on its own. A subordinate clause cannot act as a sentence on its own but still contains a subject and a verb.

A phrase is a group of words that form part of a sentence.

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The main clause is underlined in the sentence below.

Explain how you know that this is the main clause.

Beyond the trees, far into the distance, rose the snow-capped hills of the Pennines.

Answer: The clause makes sense on its own which means that it is a main clause.

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What is the main clause in the sentence below.

Leila's grandfather, who fought in Germany during the Second World War, walked with a limp ever since.

Answer: Leila's grandfather, who fought in Germany during the Second World War, walked with a limp ever since.

Create a map mind of everything you know
about the Blitz



Lesson 1 -
L.O: To plan a
diary entry
using similes,
metaphors
and
personification
n.

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- Past tense
- First person
- Speculation
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First, let's recap a diary entry and its features.

Writing a Diary Entry

When you write a diary entry, you are writing about a day in the life of a real person or character. In our case, a child in WW2.

The diary entry needs to sound as if the person or character has written it so it needs to be written from their point of view.

It also needs to be exciting and interesting to read.

Diary Writing Must...

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include the date and/or time. ✓

write in the first person. ✓

use past tense for main events. ✓

include an introduction to set the scene. ✓

tell events in chronological order. ✓

include personal emotions and feelings. ✓

use time conjunctions and adverbials, e.g. ✓
'after that', 'before lunch', 'until sunset'.



In role

Set the scene: You are going to pretend to be at home in 1940. **It is Saturday, 20th July 1940.** You are at home with brother or sister...in garden planting vegetables.

(Think about where are you in the garden? What are you planting? Why planting food? To help with 'Dig for Victory'.

It is still hot even though it is nearly 7.00pm.

How do you feel about the rumours of the Nazi's coming to bomb the cities?

An air raid siren goes off. You are asked to come in from the garden quickly, grab some food and drink, a game and hide under the tables –listen out –

Glenn Millers big brass band music is playing on the radio. Your parent/care tries to reassure you by playing the radio to distract you. Suddenly, you remember the cat.... Do you leave to go find the cat? Does your parent go and find it? Do you leave the cat.
Time passes. Minutes/hours....Wait for the all clear siren

It's another false alarm! Can't wait for their Anderson Shelter to arrive..."

Planning

How? Where? When? How often?

What do you see?



What did it sound like?



What did it feel like?



Your thoughts?



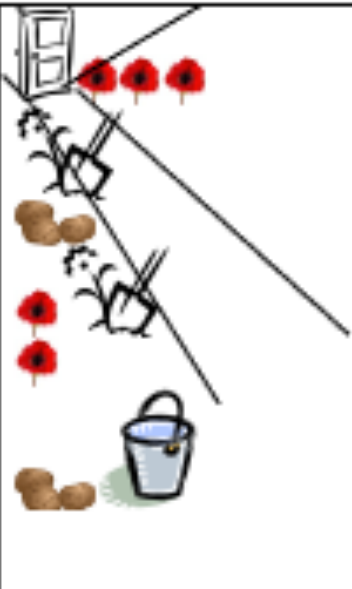
Planning

Use this planning sheet to help you

What were you
doing in the
garden?

Three things you
heard/said

What were your
thoughts and
feelings?



What do you think will
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Example extract

Saturday, 20th July 1940- Dear Diary

We got our first air raid warning at 7.00p.m.-
Saturday evening, 20th July 1940. After tea, Albert and I were planting potatoes in the flower beds! It was still really hot, so the digging was hard work. My mum's gone vegetable crazy! She keeps telling us to plant veg every night, saying we will starve if we don't. How Hitler is bombing all the docks and we won't have enough food to feed our soldiers and us. As usual, Albert was mucking about, kicking the potatoes around like footballs. Suddenly, out of nowhere we heard...

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Using your plan, write your diary entry.

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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	

Lesson 3 - LO to plan a diary entry

Read through your pervious diary entry and check you have included everything in your check list.
If not, that's a target for this one.

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In role – here is a diary extract

Evelyn Rose, child during the Second World War-diary entry Friday 30th August 1940:

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In front of me were rows and rows of people. Lying everywhere, even on the tracks! The stench was unbearable. I began to feel hot, sweaty and my heart was beating faster than normal. I thought I might die from suffocation, so many bodies and no fresh air coming in. Without warning, the bombing started. Explosions made the underground shake in its boots. The bombing got louder. Closer! I wondered if we were really safe underground. We were trapped like hunted animals. A baby's cry and an argument stopped dead my thoughts.

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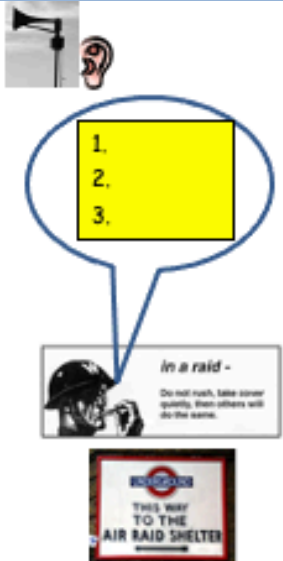







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Three things you heard/said

What were your thoughts and feelings?

				 <p>War words</p>
<p>Magic 3</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>				<p>What do you think will happen next?</p> 

Lesson 4 - LO to write your diary entry

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