

All About Diaries



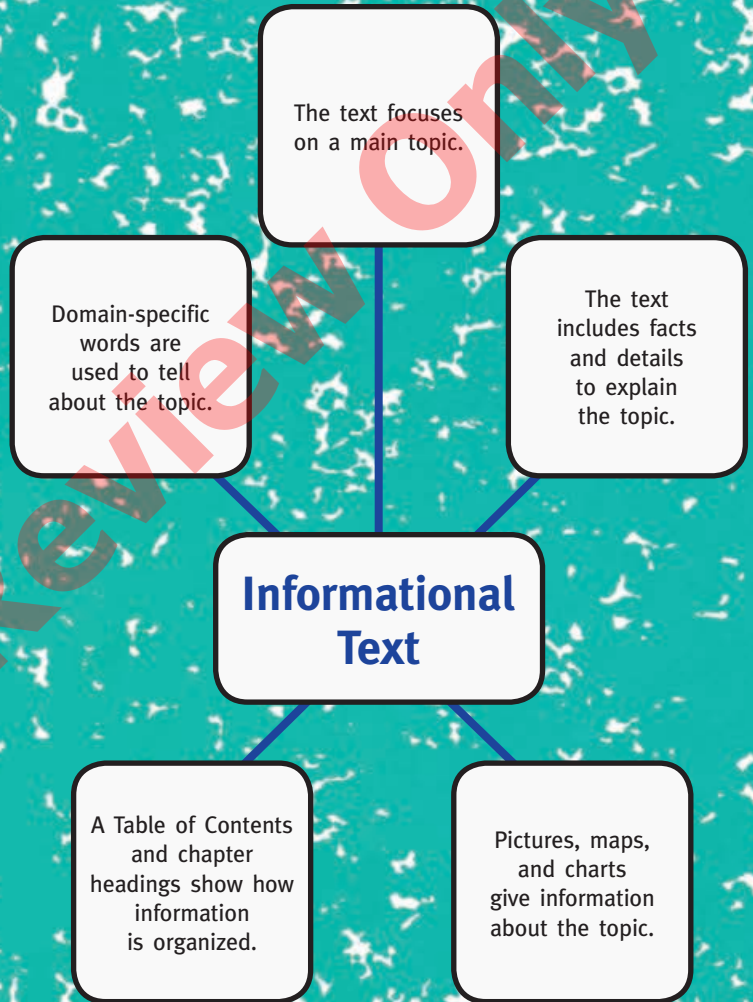
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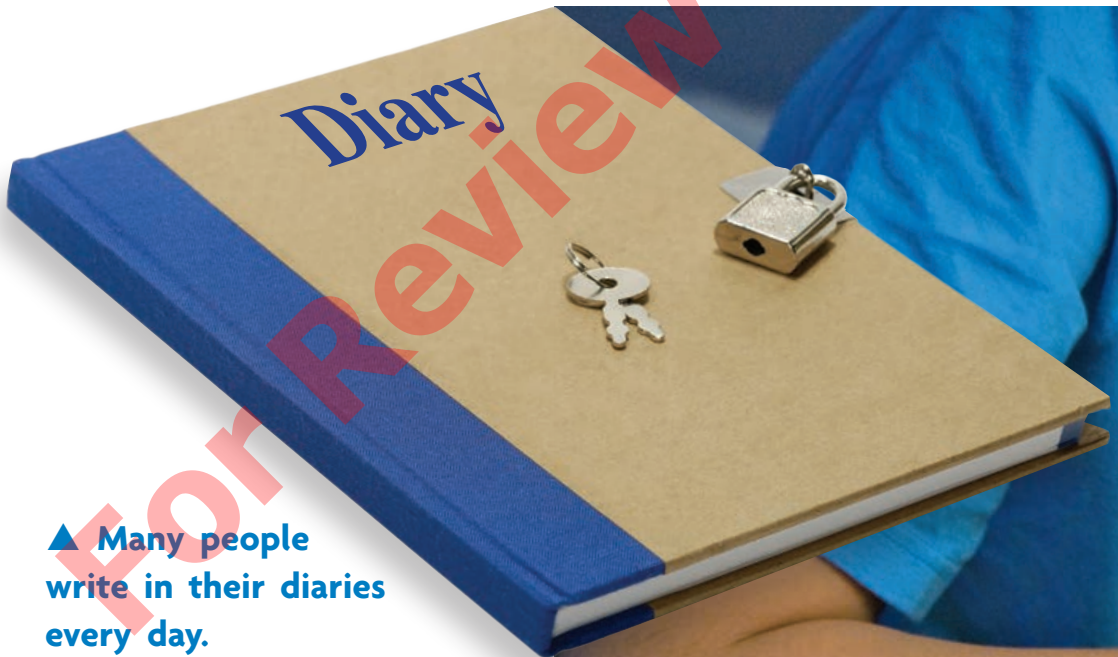
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What Is a Diary?

A diary is a book about someone's daily life. A diary's author usually writes in it a little bit at a time. When we say that someone "keeps" a diary, we mean he or she writes in a diary.



▲ Many people write in their diaries every day.

Most people who keep a diary write a date before each **entry**. Then they write about what they saw, where they went, or whom they talked to that day. They might include what they were thinking or how they felt.

▼ A diary can include important events.



Diaries are different because each person writes about what interests him or her most. A writer might record ideas for a book. An artist might make sketches. Many people write about their daily events.

▼ **Some diaries have a lock and key.**



Some diaries have **mementos**, such as photos or tickets to an event, attached to the pages. The writer might say where a photo was taken or describe a event.



▲ Some people like to save tickets from events.

If the writer takes a special trip, he or she might keep a diary to record what happens on each day. The writer might include a map.

▼ A travel diary talks about different places.



A diary entry can also be done on a computer. This diary is often called a **blog**. It can include text, photos, and videos. Blogs can also be shared online. *Diary of a Nomad* is a famous blog by Miquel Silvestre. He has been traveling the world on his motorcycle. He writes about his adventures in his blog.

▼ In 2014, Miquel started a trip through South America on a motorcycle.



A Salt Desert

Miquel wrote in his diary about a desert in Bolivia.

Many diaries help us learn things. When we read a diary written a long time ago, we learn what life was like then. We see what people ate or what they did to have fun. If the diary includes photos or drawings, we can see the houses and the clothing from the **period**.

▼ Photos also provide information in diaries.



Some Well-Known Diaries

In this chapter, you'll read about the diaries of some famous people. Each diary teaches us something about that person and their life.



DIARY WRITERS



1660–1669

diary kept by Samuel Pepys



1748–1799

diary kept by George Washington



1942–1944

diary kept by Anne Frank



2014–

diary kept by Miquel Silvestre