

Success Criteria for writing a diary narrative		
Using past tense or Past Progressive tense	The digging of the tunnel took weeks. The digging of the tunnel was taking weeks.	
First person	I, we, me, my, our	
Include your point of view, opinions and feelings	<i>These can be within the text, or after thoughts using brackets and dashes!</i>	
Ambitious and emotional words to describe events	Horrendous, overjoyed, terrifying, blizzard,	
Written in an informal style, as if chatting to a friend.	We dug and dug and dug - I couldn't believe how hard it was!	
Paragraphs ordered by time, and conjunctions/adverbials to join them cohesively.	Months later, weeks later, suddenly, after that, next, firstly, within seconds, After a while, Before long	
Dialogue to show what a character is like and to move the plot forward	"Hans yelled at me, "Take cover!" (Direct speech) Hans yelled that I needed to take cover. (Reported Speech)	
Cohesion between sentences & cohesion across paragraphs	As we dug the tunnel, spade after spade hit the crumbly clay in front of us. Each spade felt like so much effort, but we knew each one was another step towards the end.	
Semi-colons or colons to separate independent clauses.	She cried, "I shall look out of the window; my true love will be on the horizon soon." The onlookers stared at her: they couldn't believe she was dead. Colons can often be replaced with 'because'	
Colons and semi-colons to create lists	Through her mirror she could see many things: trees swaying gently in the breeze; carts moving slowly along the highway and tired horses being urged on by their masters.	
Adverbials to describe place, manner and time		
Modal verbs	will would should could may can shall must might	
Co-ordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS)	For And Nor But Or Yet So	
A variety of ways to open sentences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open with a noun and a relative clause: The wind, which surged from the east, created a storm in the pale yellow woods. Open with short sharp sentences: A storm strained. The woods were waning. The stream complained. Open with an -ing word: Straining winds swept storms across the woods. Open with a power of three sentence - including a dash: Storms, rain, winds - all was not peaceful around Camelot tonight. 	

