

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

1. It's reading time!

Read/re-read the story of *Angry Cat* and then read the *Page from Rat's Diary*.

- Can you spot the conjunctions that Rat has included in his writing?
- Watch out – some are at the *start* of his sentences.

2. All about diaries

Carefully read through *Rat's Diary Features Checklist* to learn all about the language and layout features of diaries.

- Compare the *Page from Rat's Diary* against the *Checklist*. Is there anything on the list that Rat did not use or do? (*no day/date.*)

3. Let's get ready for writing

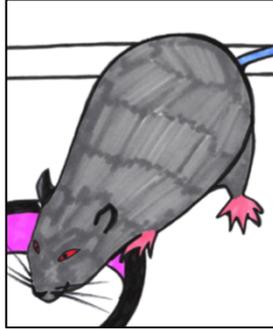
On pieces of *Diary Page Paper*, you are going to write Angry Cat's diary entry, recounting the *very* angry-making day she had!

- As you write, refer to the *Checklist* to make sure you have used all the features mentioned. When you have finished, tick off each one you have used.
- Can you use the conjunctions *because*, *when* and *if* in your diary writing? Can you use at least one conjunction at the start of a sentence? (*When Dog came in, I felt very angry indeed.*)

Now try these Fun-Time Extras

- Use a book of your own or more sheets of *Diary Page Paper* to keep your own diary for a few days. How many days can you keep it going for?
- Write a diary entry as if written by your one of your teddies, dolls or toys

A Page from Rat's Diary

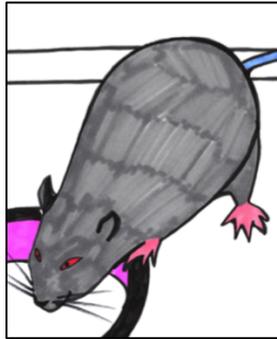


Dear Diary,

What a day it has been! I felt very hungry when I woke up. I knew Cat's milk would be waiting for me if I was lucky, so I set off to have a cheeky gulp. I was just sniffing at the bowl when I saw a flash of blue. I knew it was Cat because I heard her growl and hiss. I was so scared because she has very sharp claws, especially when she is angry. Which is all the time. I ran back to my burrow as fast as I could. I had just lain down in the straw when Cat's snarling face appeared at the door. Luckily, she pushed off pretty quickly. It took me all day to recover. I won't be doing that again tomorrow because it is too scary!

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Rat's Diary Features Checklist



<u>Writing or Layout Feature</u>	
Written in the first person (<i>I woke up very early, I ate a huge breakfast</i>)	
Written in the past tense , talking about things that have already happened (<i>I went to school this morning, I worked really hard today.</i>)	
Recount events in order (<i>I walked home and then I watched some TV. Later I played a game.</i>)	
Sometimes begin with the line Dear Diary , as if it is being written to an actual person	
Sometimes have the date at the top of the page.	

Diary Page Paper

