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The background of the slide is a night scene featuring a large, bright, orange-red full moon in the center. To the left, a vertical string of three red lanterns is visible. At the bottom, a yellow, zig-zag shaped light decoration is partially seen. A faint watermark 'www.sunedu.com' is visible in the upper right area.

# Mid-Autumn Festival for harvest

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FROM *Why Do We Celebrate Festivals?*



# Naadam Festival for ?



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# Predict text type and its features

Most amazing Naadam experience

Predictions

Text type?

Text features?

Content?

How will you record a festival experience with the power of words?

Check predictions and explore the gist

## My amazing Naadam experience

It's a

Text type

about

Main idea

Diary

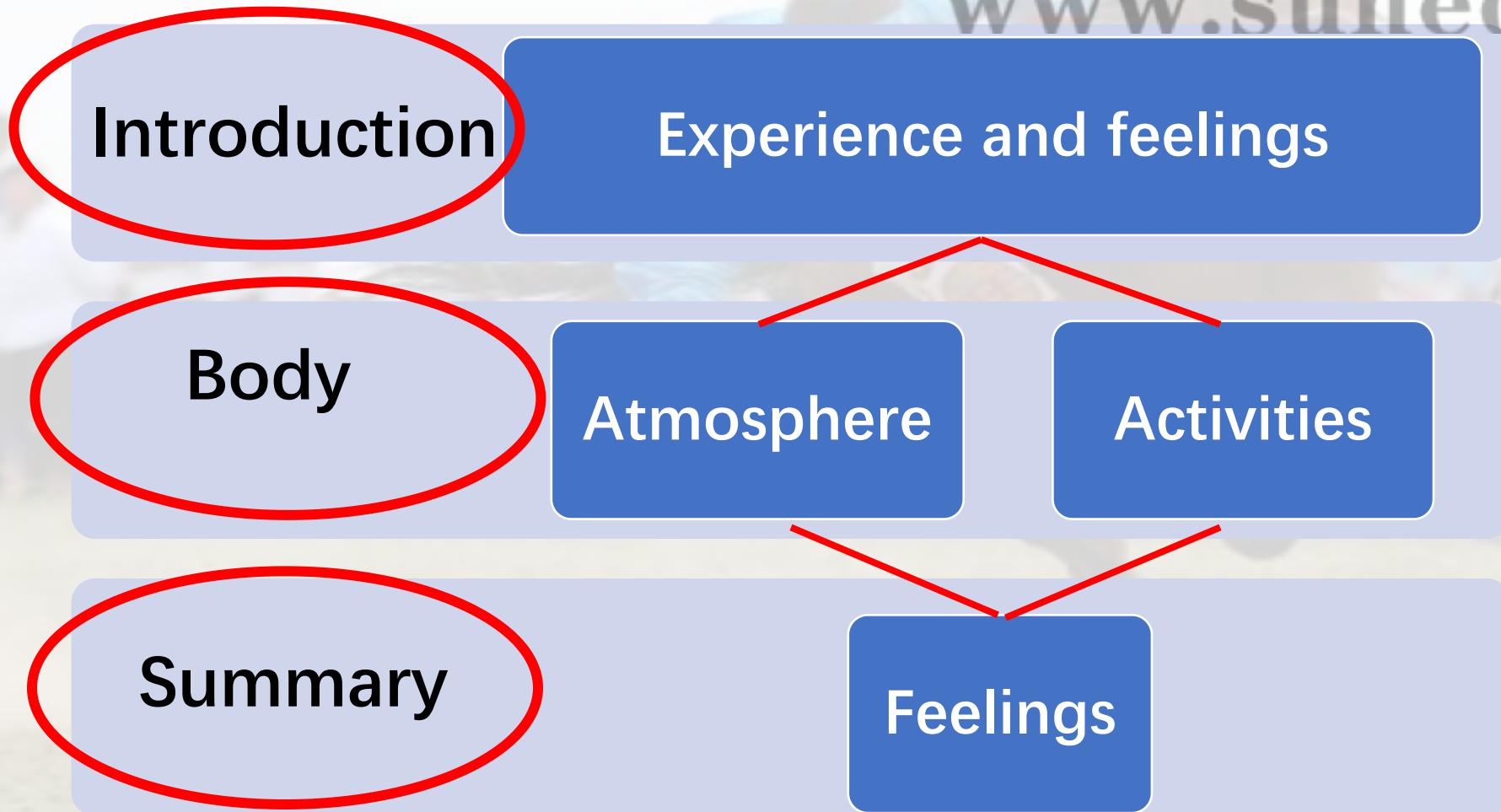
- Time order
- Past tense
- Opinions and feelings
- ...

Typical textual  
features



Read for the key points and structure

Draw a mind map to show the structure of the diary.



# Introduction: learn some knowledge about Naadam

## Aspects

## Facts

## Useful language

Reign  
(where)

Inner Mongolia  
Autonomous reign

*I experienced...in...*

Date  
(when)

4th day of the 6th of  
the lunar calendar

*The festival falls on...*

Meanings  
(why)

Play games for happiness

*It means...*

Representative  
activities

Horse racing, wrestling  
and archery

*It is represented by..., which are  
so exciting to watch.*

*It features sth...(Reading P4)*

Writing tip: collect **useful sentence patterns** under a certain theme.

## Body (Para.2): explore the festival atmosphere

On the first day, I set off to the games early with my friend Burin. I saw a lot of people wearing **fancy** Mongolian robes. Some were feeding their horses, some were practising archery, and others were chatting or taking photographs. Burin told me that Mongolians travel every year from near and far to attend the festival, just as their ancestors had done for centuries.

*Show, not tell!*

What do people do to prepare for the festival?

It is amazing/exciting  
lively/cheerful  
busy/bustling during the Naadam Festival.

Writing tip: use **verbs** to show the atmosphere rather than tell directly.



Body (Para.3&4): explore the festival activities

What's special about this festival? What's special about this festival is an exciting/amazing.

## Wrestling

- No rounds/Mixed weight
- The competitors danced onto the green field, waving their arms in the air as if they were eagles.



Writing tip: use **simile** to show the scene vividly.

Body (Para.3&4): explore the festival activities

Underline the description of feelings and emotions.

## Horse racing

Riders are boys and girls who are experienced in riding horses.

### Feeling expressions

- be moved by
- absolutely enjoy sth
- be surprised to see
- be a little worried about sth,
- That was the moment I started to understand...



Writing tip: add **inner feelings** to show the scene vividly.



Summary (Para.5) : appreciate the ending

Read comparatively and decide which one you prefer? Why?

## My **amazing** Naadam experience

◆ I'm tired back home, but I think everything is worth it. I'm looking forward to having another stay in winter.

➤ I'm finally back home new, feeling really tired, but celebrating Naadam with my friend was totally worth it. He invited me back for the winter to stay in a traditional Mongolian tent and eat hot pot. I can't wait it.

Echo the title

Writing tip: use **adverbials** to emphasize the feeling.



Summary: appreciate the title

# My **AMAZING** Naadam experience

the **bustling** atmosphere

*I saw sb doing.  
Some were...others were...*

Echo the title

**thrilling** wrestling competition

*I was quite moved by...*

I was  
amazed at

**thrilling** horse races

*absolutely enjoyed...  
was surprised to see  
That was the moment ...*

the hospitality of Burin.

*Be totally worth it  
I can't wait.*

## Imitating writing: make an outline

### Theme

My  
Amazing  
Lantern  
Experience

### Structure/content

Experience and  
impressions

Writing activity:

Suppose you're going to write a diary  
to record one of your <sup>Activities</sup> ~~impressive~~  
festival experiences, how will you  
write it?

Feelings and  
thoughts

### Language

I experienced...in...  
The festival falls on...  
It means...

It is represented by...

Guessing with you  
Eating yuanxiao

really, totally, I can't  
wait

## Imitating writing: evaluate your work

Aspects	ITEM	Peer-assessment
<b>Textual features</b>	Past tense; first narrator; time order; opinions and feelings.	
<b>Textual structures</b>	IBE-introduction, body, conclusion; topic sentences; linking words	
<b>Textual language</b>	Generally correct in grammar, spelling and punctuation. Vivid expressions about feelings and movements	



## One possible version

### My joyful Lantern Festival

Lantern festival, one of the most significant Chinese traditional festivals, **falls on** the fifteenth day of the first lunar month, usually in February or March. **It features** oceans of lanterns for people to appreciate and riddles on lanterns for people to solve. I still remember my most joyful Lantern festival when I was 10.

On that Lantern festival night, I set off to the local plaza to join the riddle-guessing contest. All along the way, **I saw** people from near and far packing the street in a buzz of excitement. **Some were** stretching themselves on their tiptoes to see the lantern parade including lion dancing and lanterns in numerous fancy shapes. **Others were** chatting or taking photos to record this unforgettable moment.





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As for me, the riddle-guessing contest is the most thrilling part. Riddles are written down and posted on each lantern by the owners. If anyone has the solution to the riddle, they are given the opportunity to present their answer to the lantern owner to see if it is right. If correct, the person is given a gift for his or her hard work. My journey there was totally worth it because I solved 6 riddles that night and won a delicate toy car for myself.

On back home, my mother feasted me with a bowl of mouthwatering Yuanxiao, which represented unity, happiness and harmony among family members. It was amazing to have such a joyful Lantern Festival experience with my family and I will recommend anyone travelling to China to experience it!





## Homework

- 1) Continue to complete and polish the narrative writing about a festival experience after class.
- 2) Search on the Internet for more information about the Naadam Festival.

