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# Unit1 Festivals and Celebrations

## — Reading for Writing



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## Hiking



- How did you feel about the hiking?
- Is there any related homework from your teachers about the hiking ?



# Related homework

THE  
**WEEKLY**  
REVIEW



PEER REVIEW



## MY AMAZING NAADAM EXPERIENCE

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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.

After the opening ceremony and some amazing performances, the wrestling competition began. Mongolian wrestling is different from the wrestling in the Olympic Games. There are no rounds, and wrestlers are not separated by weight. The wrestler loses if any part of his body above his knee touches the ground. After singing some songs, the competitors danced onto the green field, waving their arms in the air as if they were **eagles**. I was quite moved by their show of strength and grace.

I **absolutely** enjoyed the archery, too, but the horse races were my favourite part. However, I was surprised to see that the riders were boys and girls! I heard it is because children are lighter and the horses can run faster and farther. At first, I was a little worried about the children's safety, but Burin said, "Don't worry. They've been riding horses all their lives. They'll be just fine." That was the **moment** I started to understand why people say "Horses are at the heart of Mongolian culture". ...

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### Opening Paragraph:

State the topic (e.g. where, when, and with whom you celebrated the festival, and also your main feeling).

### First Body Paragraph:

Describe the start of the festival and the surroundings.

### Second Body Paragraph:

Describe in detail the festival activities.

### Third Body Paragraph:

Describe in detail the festival activities.

### Closing Paragraph:

Give a **brief** summary of the experience.



➤ What do you want to know according to the title?

- What activities did the author experience?

- Why are these experiences **amazing**?
- What is "Naadam"?
- ...

➤ What is the text's writing style ?

- ✓
- narration
  - argumentation
  - exposition

# Diary

# A general idea about a diary

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time order

first person

past tense

the present tense  
the future tense





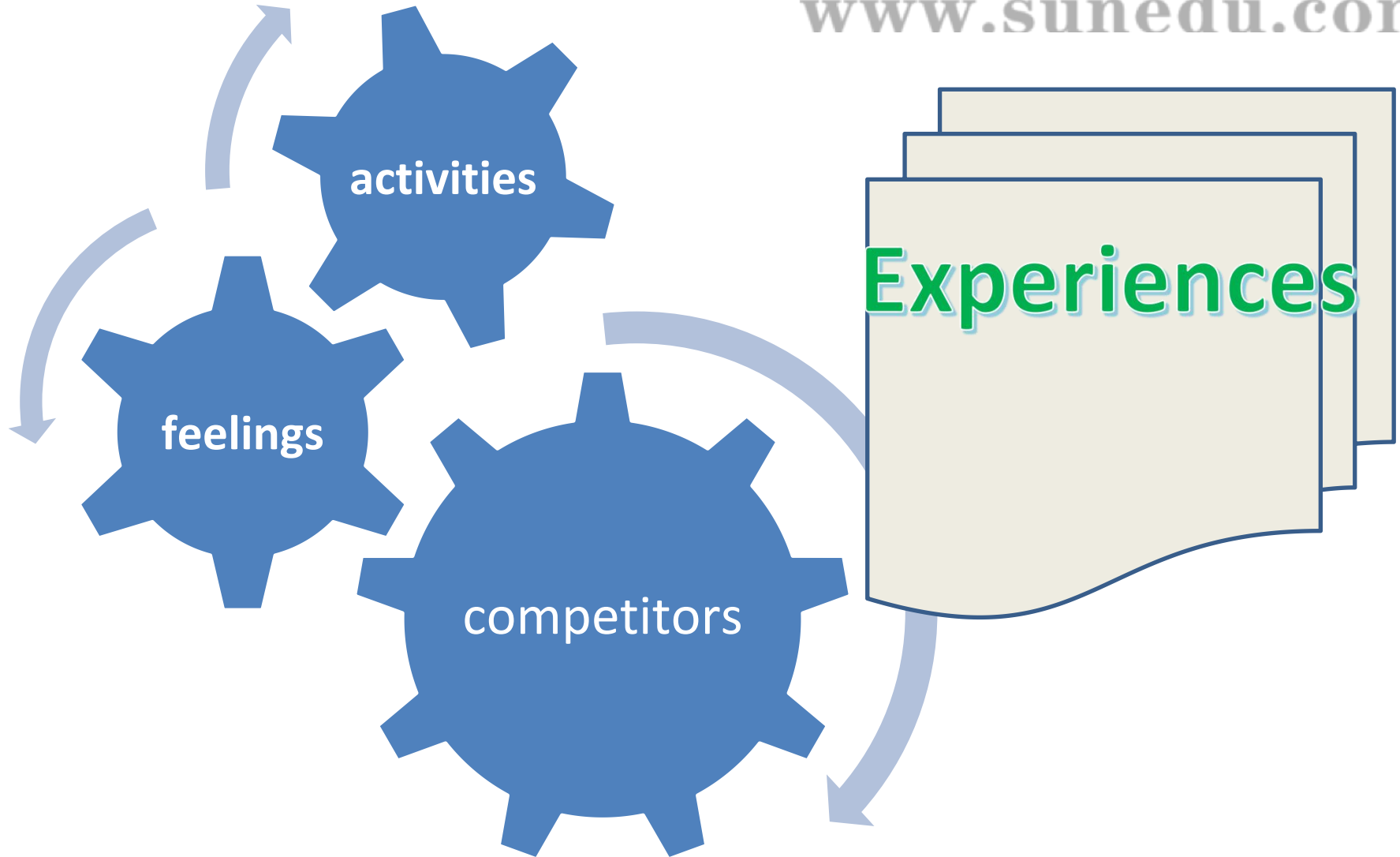
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# Amazing?

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How did the writer describe his/ her feelings/ emotions during the event? Please find out the sentences.

Tip1: using -ing/-ed  
to express emotions

- ...and it is represented by three events: horse racing, wrestling, and archery, which are all so *exciting* to watch. (Para1)
- After the opening ceremony and some *amazing* performances, the wrestling competition began. (Para2 )
- However, I was *surprised* to see that the riders were boys and girls! (Para4)
- At first, I was a little *worried* about the children's safety. (Para4)
- I'm finally back home now, feeling really *tired*, but celebrating with Naadam with my friend was totally worth it. (Para5)

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Tip2: using adj./adv.  
or other ways to  
express emotions

- I *absolutely* enjoyed the archery, too (Para5)
- I'm finally back home now, feeling really tired, but celebrating with Naadan with my friend was totally *worth* it. (Para5)
- He invited me back for the winter to stay in a traditional Mongolian tent and eat hot pot. *I can't wait!*(Para5)

## Further reading

What does the sentence “Horses are at the heart of Mongolian culture...” imply?





## Further reading

What is the most **amazing** thing to you about the festival?

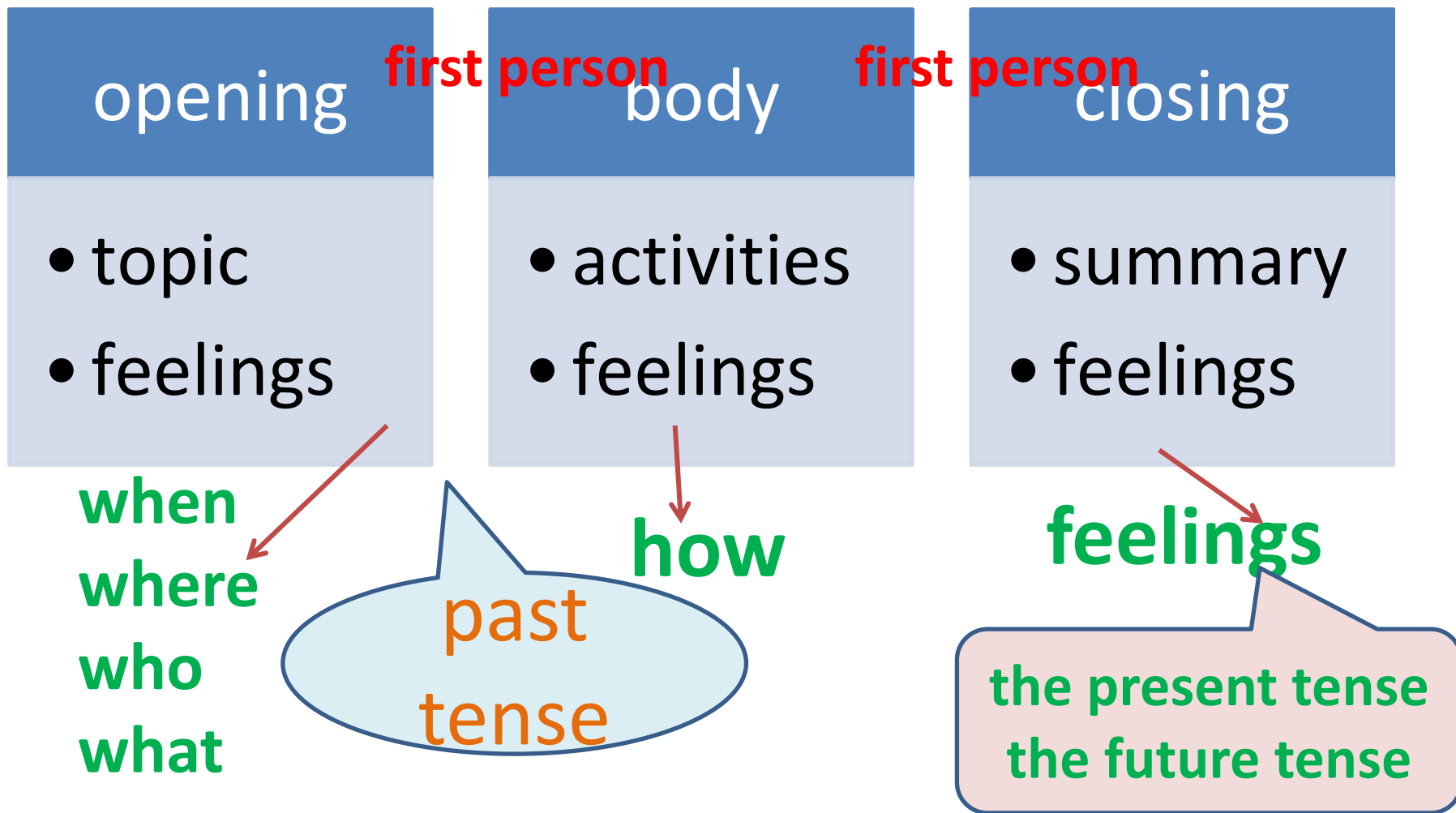


- It's amazing that...
- To my amazement, ...
- What amazes me most is that...
- ..., which makes me amazed.
- ..., making me feel amazed.

# Conclusion

What should be included in writing a diary?

title



# Conlusion

## What should be included in a diary?

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### Writing a Diary

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#### When?

today	January	morning
yesterday	February	afternoon
tomorrow	March	evening
Monday	April	bedtime
Tuesday	May	next
Wednesday	June	then
Thursday	July	before
Friday	August	after
Saturday	September	afterwards
Sunday	October	when
weekend	November	
o'clock	December	

#### What?

went	television
travelled	games
journey	visited
shopping	cinema
arrived	swimming
drove	played
car	toys
saw	party
looked	
holiday	
woke up	
football	

#### Where?

home
garden
town
inside
outside
indoors
park

#### Who?

I
we
family
brother
sister
Mum
Dad

#### How?

drove	jogged
flew	quickly
ran	slowly
walked	

#### Feeling...

felt	sad
excited	tired
bored	glad
happy	cross







quote

Keeping a diary supports  
personal development.

Stefan Sagmeister



# Assignment

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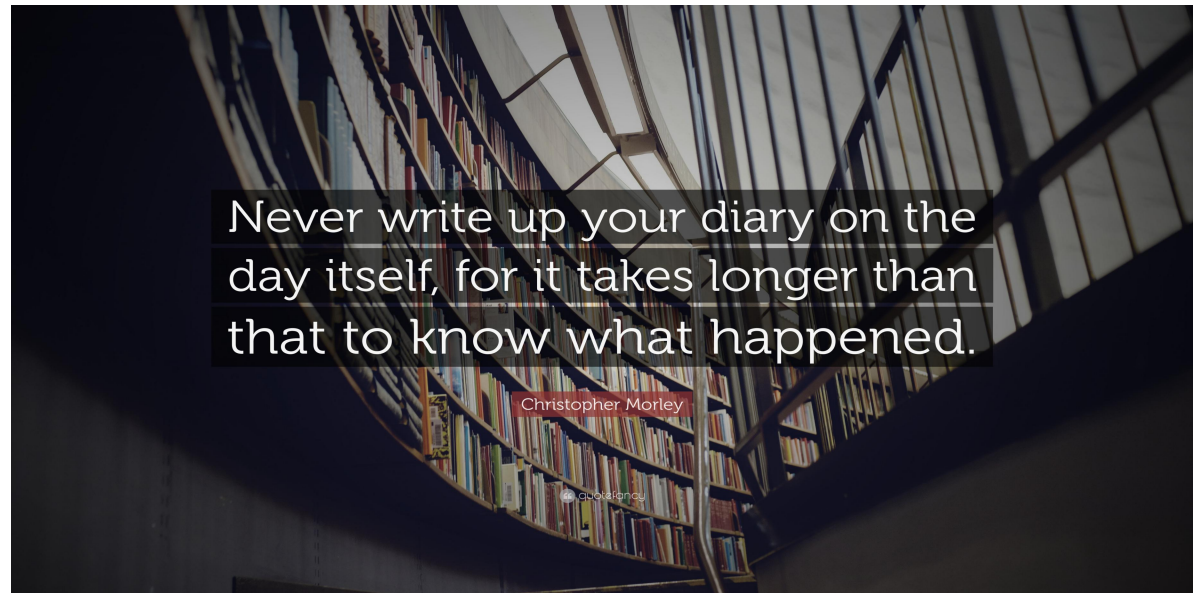
- Look back to one festival that you have experienced recently and write a diary
- Further reading: Amazon.com: Anna's Diary eBook: Ireland, Anna, Books, Blushing: Kindle Store  
<https://www.amazon.com/Annas-Diary-Anna-Ireland-ebook/dp/B01MXGZJHD>



Never write up your diary on the day itself, for it takes longer than that to know what happened.

Christopher Morley

Quotefancy



Exchange drafts with a partner. Use the checklist to give feedback on your partner's draft.

- ✓ Is the writing well organized?
- ✓ Is there an opening sentence in the first paragraph?
- ✓ Does each paragraph include necessary details?
- ✓ Does the writer use his/her feelings and emotions?
- ✓ Does the writer use the -ing form correctly in the writing?
- ✓ Are there any grammar, spelling or punctuation errors?





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**samples from two students**



## An Unforgettable Dragon Boat Festival Experience

I'll never forget the Dragon Boat Festival that I experienced last year , which left me a deep impression. The Dragon Boat Festival falls on the fifth day of the fifth month of lunar calendar and is celebrated in honor of the great ancient poet, Qu Yuan.

In the morning, my family and I brought some zongzi made of glutinous rice and meat to one river and threw them into it with our best wishes to Qu Yuan. After that, a dragon boat race was followed. It was my first time that I had experienced it in the flesh. To my amazement, some competitors were even younger than me. I was greatly impressed by their wonderful performances and bravery.

Despite some tiredness, I felt excited and relaxed. Frankly speaking, I can't wait for next Dragon Boat Festival.

*(Yirou Ding)*

## My Amazing Spring Festival Experience

The Spring Festival that I experienced this year in my hometown has unique meanings to every Chinese. It is represented by many interesting activities: lighting firecrackers, making dumplings and a big meal.

On the eve, I was woken up by the early noise of firecrackers, which drew me to the street. I saw people in new clothes laughing and chatting happily. It seemed that everyone was bathed in the joyful atmosphere. After the breakfast, I went to visit my grandma to express our best wishes and heartfelt gratitude to them for their devotion and company. At night, the sky in the countryside was dotted with various firecrackers in order to drive away the evil spirits and welcome the promising new year.

Tired but excited, I stayed wide awake that night. How I wish I could experience the Spring Festival every day!

*(Sichen Wu)*



**教师点评：**根据checklist，这两位同学的作文基本符合节日日记的写作要求，语言措辞都比较好。从opening, body, closing 三个方面，把作者对于节日的感受、经历和最终的感想和期盼淋漓尽致的描写了出来。在第二段的节日活动中细节描写到位，并能恰当使用-ing 和定语从句，能准确的向读者清晰的传达作者的写作意图。



## 高考链接

### 应用文

假定你是李华，你的外国朋友Bruce想来中国体验春节，向你询问一些有关春节的信息。请给他回一封信，内容如下：

1. 表示欢迎；
2. 介绍春节；
3. 表达祝福。

### 注意：

1. 词数80左右；
2. 可以适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。

*Thank You*

