



Writing diary entries – How to do it (Analysis)

1. Read the following diary entries and underline words and phrases which express feelings.

Dear Diary,

May 25, 2014

I'm so upset! I wanted to meet Jennifer today after school and she didn't turn up. This is the third time this month she's done this – I hate it! And it really makes me mad that she doesn't even feel guilty (*schuldig*) about it.

Then Tom walked up to me and asked me if I wanted to go to the cinema with him. That's just what I needed! He is the most stupid boy I know and going out with him would give me nightmares (*Albträume*). Ugh! Horrible idea!

I hope life will be better tomorrow ...

Alison

Dear Diary,

May 28, 2014

We went on our class trip today – it was fun. I felt stupid at the beginning; everybody on the coach was tired and nobody talked to me, but then people started to wake up and we had a great time fooling around (*herumalbern*). It was great, telling jokes, making fun of teachers and so on. The theme park (*Freizeitpark*) was fantastic – we all loved it! The "Haunted House" was really scary, but I went in together with Kevin, the tall handsome boy who plays in the school basketball team, and he was holding my hand all the time ... I'm feeling on top of the world! I'm looking forward to tomorrow's lessons – strange, isn't it?

Alison

2. Now write down all the expressions of feelings into the two columns.

Positive feelings	Negative feelings



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1. Quite a few things have gone wrong in Linda's diary entry – she has used some inappropriate (*unpassende*) expressions. Can you find and correct them?

Dear Diary, I feel great! I think I completely failed my maths test – that's cool! I'm sure I failed yesterday's French test, too. Great, isn't it? And tomorrow Dad wants to talk to me about school grades – that's wonderful! But – believe it or not – I passed my driving test. I'm so upset!!! Mom gave me a little chocolate car as a present. I hate it. What a horrible idea! I've got to do my maths homework now. Super! Linda	awful/terrible _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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2. This diary entry is not complete. Can you fill in the missing positive and negative expressions?

Dear Diary, I went to the school party yesterday – 😊 _____ ! Linda and Alison also came along and 😊 _____ . In the late afternoon the school band entered the stage and they played – Reggae! ☹️ _____ _____ Can you believe it?! This old stuff; nobody listens to it anymore. ☹️ _____ ! So we went to the big tree near the football field and danced like drunken monkeys – 😊 _____ . I'm glad people didn't see us ... Sorry – I can hear Mom coming upstairs, I'd better stop now. Kathie



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3. Sir Edgar is a very busy knight: he has to fight against dragons, rescue (*retten*) princesses, defend (*verteidigen*) his castle against his enemies and so on. Write down his diary entry at the end of this busy week. The pictures, words and phrases will help you.

Monday



fight against robber – hate ...!

Tuesday



dragon – horrible ...!

Wednesday



enjoy – sun – wonderful ...!



Lady Marion – great ...!

Thursday



attack ... castle – Black Knight – terrible time

Friday



party – old friends – love ...!