

A background image of space featuring a large view of Earth's curved horizon with city lights and clouds, and a smaller view of the Moon in the upper right corner.

YEAR 5 ENGLISH

Week Beginning 27th April

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Features of a diary:

- First person – I, me, my...
- Past tense (you're writing about things that have already happened)
- Retelling important events
- Personal reactions and emotions
- Informal style – like talking to a friend
- Conjunctions and adverbials to link ideas (see next slide)

It's very tempting to start all your sentences with 'I' when writing a diary. Challenge yourself to **use different sentence starters** such as **adverbs** (Quickly, Anxiously, Suddenly etc), **Conjunctions** (Despite, Although, Also etc) and **adverbial phrases** (All of a sudden, Soaring through the atmosphere)

CONJUNCTIONS AND ADVERBIALS EXAMPLES

- Next
- After
- Slowly
- Suddenly
- Amazingly
- Unbelievably
- Unfortunately
- Since
- Despite
- Although
- However
- In addition
- Eventually
- All of a sudden
- In the blink of an eye
- Without warning
- As soon as possible
- Meanwhile
- Immediately
- Just then
- Anxiously
- Holding my breath
- High above the earth
- In the cramped shuttle

1st diary entry: The evening before going in to space

- How is Valentina feeling...
 - ▣ About going in to Space?
 - ▣ About leaving her family?
 - ▣ About remembering all her training?
 - ▣ About being the first woman ever to do this?
- What is she most excited about?
- What is she most nervous about?
- What might she have done for her last day on Earth – spent it with family? Eating her favourite food? Trying to relax? Revising how to control the shuttle?

1ST DIARY ENTRY EXAMPLE

Dear diary,

What a surreal day! Today I had my final briefing for the shuttle launch, which is tomorrow. I can hardly believe that after all those months of training and all that hard work, the day is finally here (well, almost)! When I think about blasting in to Space, my heart pounds louder than the boom of a rocket. I'm not sure if it's fear or excitement making my heart thud – probably a bit of both. Obviously, I'm so excited to be the first woman in Space, it's such a privilege, however I am also slightly scared. What if something goes wrong? What if I don't make it home? ...

You can use parts from this (e.g. some vocabulary or sentence structures) if you are stuck, but don't just copy it!

2nd diary entry: Whilst in space, orbiting the Earth

- How did Valentina find the launch (taking off)?
- What emotions is Valentina feeling as she orbits?
- What can she see? Use lots of fantastic description! Watch this video to help – this is actual footage from the International Space Station!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FG0fTKAqZ5g>

- This video shows Valentina going in to the space shuttle, a shot of her in space in the shuttle and then when she landed!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=19&v=ZEbw4wPsxUo&feature=emb_logo

3rd diary entry: The day after landing

Valentina almost died during landing. Something went wrong with the spacecraft's software, caused the shuttle to move away from Earth, rather than towards it! She had to think quickly to solve the problem. She had a bumpy landing but was safe, although had a bruise on her face.

She landed in a mountainous region in Asia. Villagers helped Tereshkova out of her spacesuit and asked her to join them for dinner. She accepted but was later told off by the Russian Space agency for violating the rules and not undergoing medical tests first!!

- What was Valentina thinking during landing? Remember, things went wrong, then she fixed them. She was hurt, but safe.
- How did she feel to have finished her mission? Proud, shocked?
- What might be her reflections/thoughts on her time in space? This is a quote from Valentina you might like to use - *Once you've been in space, you appreciate how small and fragile the Earth is*