

Find and copy – practice 1

Friday 22nd – Dear Diary

Finally! It feels like I've waited an eternity but now there's only one more day to go before my birthday! As you can imagine, I'm just a little bit excited! Most of my friends are coming to the party tomorrow; all except for Jess that is. I'm gutted my best friend can't attend but she did have a perfectly acceptable excuse. The bowling alley has promised an insane amount of ear splitting music and eye popping laser lights as we play. Mum has ordered burgers, fries and pizza to eat afterwards and obviously, there will be gallons of ice cream to eat too – just in case we weren't feeling nauseous enough already. So excited... yeah!!!

Saturday 23rd – Dear Diary

What a complete and utter disaster! At least this morning started off ok. The day began with Mum and Sam making me my favourite breakfast (bacon, hash browns and scrambled eggs), which was totally awesome and delicious. Then I got to open lots of incredible presents from my fabulous family. I'm completely in love with my new roller skates and I can't wait to try them out at the park tomorrow. However, it all went horribly downhill from that point onwards. I can't face writing down all of the truly gruesome details now; all I will say is that the day ended with two cases of food poisoning, a broken wrist and at least 6 missing presents! I think I'm going to go to bed now. I'm sure things won't seem quite so bad tomorrow – hopefully!

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2. FIND and COPY one word that suggests the diarist is unhappy her best friend can't make it to the party.

3. FIND and COPY one group of words that suggests the diarist is happy with her friend's reason for not attending the party.

4. FIND and COPY three groups of words that suggest the diarist was unhappy about her party.

5. FIND and COPY two groups of words that suggest she was happy with her roller skates.

6. FIND and COPY one group of words that suggests the diarist is capable of remaining positive about the experience.

Find and copy - practice 2

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the disastrous birthday party you were responsible for organising on Saturday 23rd April.

Firstly, we were assured there would be music and laser lights whilst we bowled. There was definitely music but the choice of music was highly inappropriate for an eleven year old's birthday party. As for the laser lights, my son could have done a superior job with a torch.

Secondly, someone neglected to clean up some juice which had been spilt on the floor. One member of our party slipped over which resulted in a trip to hospital and six weeks with a wrist in plaster.

Thirdly, several children were violently sick after eating the inedible food you provided. The burgers were practically raw and the pizza can only be described as soggy. Then, as if things couldn't have gotten any worse, some of my daughters presents disappeared. No one should be reduced to tears on their birthday.

I require an immediate response to this letter, outlining how you intend to compensate my daughter for having ruined, what should have been, a very special day.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Jones

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Find and copy - practice 3

A Brief History of Bowling

Bowling is one of the most prevalent sports in the world and it has been around much longer than you would imagine. It is possible to trace the origins of bowling back to 3200 BC, thanks to the discovery of objects found in a child's grave in Egypt. The objects, discovered by Sir Flinders Petrie in 1930, appeared to be used for a very early form of bowling. A German historian, William Pehe, discovered evidence that bowling began in Germany around 300 AD. In the United Kingdom, there is evidence to suggest that Edward III prohibited the game in 1366.

By the late 1800s, bowling had become immensely popular across the many states of America. By 1951, pinboys (people who put the pins back up again after being knocked over) had been replaced by automatic pinspotters.

Today the sport is enjoyed by millions of people in more than 90 countries. Bowling provides a great opportunity for friends and family to join together for a bit of competitive fun.

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5. FIND and COPY one word that means the same as 'roots'.

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