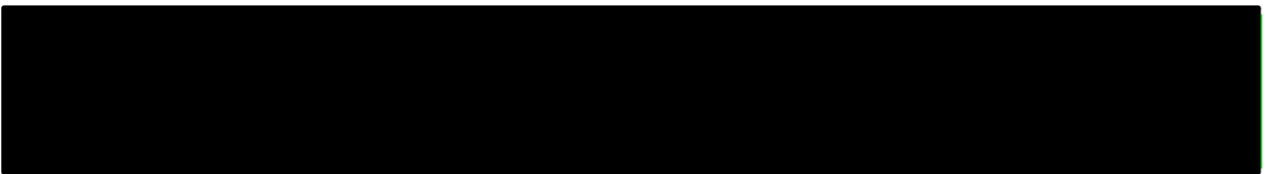




Tuesday

Today we are going to look at an example of a diary entry.



In our last lesson, we learnt about the migrants who travelled from Jamaica to England on the Empire Windrush in 1948.

What is a migrant?

How would you feel if you were told that you and your family would be migrating to Jamaica next week?

Would your reaction be positive? Excited? Running upstairs to pack your bags? Tell your friends about your amazing adventure?

OR would your reaction be negative? Would you be upset about leaving your home in England and travelling to another country to the other side of the world. Imagine how it would have felt.

Model text

Dear diary,

I am still in shock. Today has been one of the most overwhelming days of my life! Today was the day that I learnt we are going to be moving to England. As I sit here, looking out over Kingston, my heart is beating at a million miles an hour in anticipation as questions race through my mind: what will England be like? Will it be hot lie Jamaica? Where will we live? Will we able to find work?

Kingston is the capital city of Jamaica.

It all began when my husband arrived back in Jamaica having been discharged from the British Royal Air Force. He had served for two years and has been based in Oxford, which he describes as a **quaint, picturesque city**. For the last two months, he has been rambling on about moving the whole family in England – he is SO enthusiastic, he will hardly chat about anything else! This morning he woke up particularly early, seeing as he doesn't have a job – and rushed down to Kingstone Harbour where there was a meeting for ex-service people. While he was there, I cooked ackee and saltfish for the kids before I sent them off to their primary school.

What writing feature has been used here?

What do the words quaint and picturesque mean?



village words

quaint

adj. charming or picturesque; like a pretty, old-fashioned cottage

adjective: charming like a pretty, old-fashioned cottage.



picturesque

adj. attractive or scenic; like a village so pretty it could be on a postcard

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What does this word mean?



stressed and scared words

apprehensive

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Until then,
Beverly.

Purpose – why was it written?

Audience – who was it written for?

Language – formal / informal tone

Layout – how is it set out on the page?

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Punctuation – any key punctuation we would expect to see?

These are things we are going to have to keep in our minds today.

Why do we keep diaries?

Do you keep a diary at home? Why?

Features of a diary entry

- Dear diary,
- Chronological order – **adverbials of time**
- Past tense
- Tell our reader about our feelings and thoughts
- Show NOT tell
- First person – **I, me, my, we, us**
- Very informal.
- I want to see **exclamations and contractions.**

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Find:

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- past tense
- contraction

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Find:

– present tense

Fill in the blanks

Contracted	Not contracted
can't	
	he had
I've	
	will not

Discuss and plan my writing, including jotting down vocabulary and phrases to interest the reader.

What does it show? Explain underneath

Vocabulary



Show not tell

My hands shake in anger.

Shivers run down my spine.

Eyes began to brim with tears and lip quivered.

My heart sank.