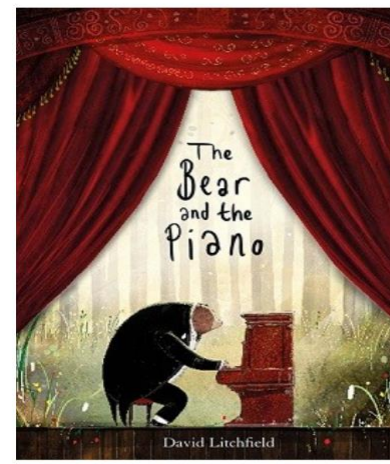


Day 1.

Our new book this week is called, The Bear and the Piano



We are going to look at the setting of where this book is set.

Can you use a sentence starter and a word bank word to make the best sentence?

When you walk through a normal forest, what things do you experience?



### Sentence starters

In the trees,  
The sun feels like  
On the ground,  
The trees look like  
In the air,  
The sunlight shows  
The sounds of the forest

### Word Bank

sparkling	leaves
sounds	warm
light	sun
grass	animals
trees	branches
green	brown
white	red
speckled	black

*Hazy and still, the warming air pushed its way through the trees' trunks as the light crept out between the sturdy forms of the forest. In the air, small impish specks of dust sparkled magically in the sunlight which was gradually rising from the horizon. Still and calm, the woodland awoke to the gentle nudging of the impatient sun who was whispering to the flora and fauna to wake up.*

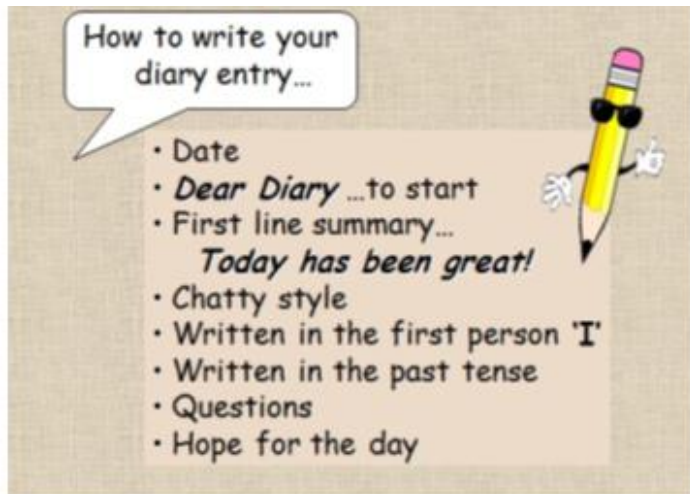
*Very slowly, the morning also turned up the volume as the silence of night time was forgotten. Small crunching noises gave way to a dawn chorus of different birds, the rustling of leaves shaking off their sleep and the soft footsteps of daytime animals.*

*The trees, bathed in the warm light, began to transform from bulky shadows into statuesque columns wrapped in stylish coats made from brown and white bark. The receding mist and dew, left over from the night before, covered the base of the trees and gave them the appearance of floating in the air above the ground.*

*Surrounding the trees, and mixing in the grass, the glistening flecks of dust and leaf floated in the air like confetti at a wedding. The rays of sun, stronger now, cut through the woods and shone a spotlight on the fluttering forest confetti which seemed to be celebrating the brand new day.*

## Day 2.

Can I write a Diary Entry as a member of the audience?



To be able to write a diary, we have to be able to **summarise** the event and then also think about the **thoughts** and **feelings** of the audience.

### Thoughts

(This bear is so amazing)

### Feelings

(Shocked)

Your feelings and thoughts now need to be turned in to a chat with your diary.

Act like your diary is your friend.

Dear Diary,

tonight, like every other night this week, I stood in the clearing in the woods mesmerised by my friend and the sounds that he produced by pressing the keys of the strange thing. At the very moment Bear's delicate paws padded across the sparkling keys, I couldn't help but stare, mouth agape and eyes unblinking. The continuous wave of melodic noise, unlike anything we have heard before, kept us all rooted to the spot (to be honest, we've never been so quiet!). Maybe it was the combination of the music, the atmospheric sunset and the fragrant seasonal blossom floating through the air that added to the magic. Whatever it was, we all want to hear it again tomorrow.

At first, no one was quite sure what to make of the strange thing. A while ago, Bear had told us excitedly about the 'plonk' noise and since then how he had made more sounds emerge from it. Incredibly, not only can he make the strange thing produce different pitched sounds, he showed us that it is filled with golden strings and it has foot pedals that Bear tapped lightly as he manipulated the sound. Unintentionally, I found myself tapping my foot along to the addictive beat of the sound.

Perhaps the most incredible thing of all, was the endless array of harmonious patterns which echoed throughout the woodland as his paws effortless floated up and down the ivory keyboard. Most curiously, the sound made my hair stand on end and it filled me with a sense of complete, comfortable calm. At ease and relaxed, I could easily have listened to the sounds all night.

When Bear had played his last note, there was a dramatic pause as the audience, who were the same every night, broke out of their sound-induced trance and clapped and cheered loudly to show their appreciation for the wondrous noises. Our lives will never be the same again...

A friend of the Bear and the Piano

Day 3

Can I write a newspaper report?

Over the next few days, you will be producing a newspaper report based on the amazingly talented bear.

You are a news reporter that was standing in the crowd to hear the Bear make his performance. Is it now your job to go and write up what you saw and heard.

**What key information do readers want to know?**

**Who, what, where, when, why.**



[Creating a News Report - YouTube](#)



**Did you interview anyone who was there?**

**What did the Bear say when you spoke to him afterwards?**

Your task today, is to plan your report and to think about the **W** questions.

**Who What Why When and Why.**

This is the main information that each reader wants to know when reading a paper.

The introduction gives all of the information very briefly to get the reader hooked.

**Headline**


**Who is the report about?**


**What is the report about?**


**Where did the event happen?**


**When did the event happen?**


## Day 4

# Introduction

The next step of our report is to write the introduction.  
This is where we get the reader hooked!

### For a good introduction paragraph, you need to;

- Make the paragraph short and snappy so that it briefly explains what has happened;
- Ensure that, even if the reader stopped reading at this point, they would still know roughly what happened;
- Use past tense in most cases;
- Make sure the first paragraph answers as many of these five questions as you can –

**Who? What? Where? Why? When?**

How can we turn this plan into exciting information?

**Who?** The talented Bear

**What?** He played the piano to the crown

**Where?** In the middle of the forest



[The 5 W's of a News Story - Bing video](#)

## Main body

The main body of the text is where you may have quotes from people who were there.

**Read the quotes below and find alternative words for 'said'.**

Can you find alternative words for said?

"I am so amazed at this talented bear," said a child in the crowd.

"This bear should be on stage for the world to see" said Sally Bear

The chief bear said, "This is a fantastic chance for us to see a once in a life time experience!"

A bear visitor said, "What an amazing polar bear. I shall visit him every day."

The talented bear was heard to say, "This is what I love doing. It makes people happy".

### **For a good body section, you need to:**

- Add more information and detail to your introduction paragraph;
- Include background information, evidence, facts and quotes from people involved in or connected to the event/story;
- Continue to write in order of importance, putting the most important information in the first few paragraphs of the body section.