

Ordinary Level English 2018

Writing Frame,

Paper 1,

Comprehension, TEXT 2, Question B

*Imagine you are representing your school in the final of a competition. You are free to choose any type of competition; sports related, debating, singing, etc. Write **three diary entries** in which you record the details of your training or preparation for the final, reflect on the challenges you have faced during the competition, and consider what inspires you to keep working hard in advance of the final.*

Bear in mind that this is a creative writing exercise, it doesn't have to be true. You can and should draw upon any experiences you've had preparing for a big event.

As you sit in the exam hall remember the thoughts and feelings you had in the run up to the Leaving cert. All of these thoughts, feelings, experiences can be put to good use as material for these diary entries.

Most people write diaries for themselves rather than for other people to read. It's a way of recording and reflecting on the events of the day and looking forward to the days to come. For many people it's a form of mindfulness, a chance to take a few minutes from their day to think about their own feelings and emotions. As the diary isn't written for anyone else to read it is usually very casual in tone, often using slang and nicknames. Occasionally diaries are written for publication. There is a selection of them below.

<http://www.wgpa.ie/player-diary-niamh-lister/>

<https://amp.independent.ie/sport/rugby/connacht-rugby/player-diary-my-recovery-after-the-operation-is-going-well-and-ill-be-back-soon-36505307.html>

<https://www.google.ie/amp/s/amp.independent.ie/irish-news/education/exams/leaving-cert-diary-its-almost-time-to-focus-on-the-things-that-dont-involve-revision-37016447.html>

- *Record the details of your training or preparation for the final,*
- *Reflect on the challenges you have faced during the competition,*
- *Consider what inspires you to keep working hard in advance of the final.*

Structure - *two weeks before, a week to go, the day of the final.*

Tone - *Informal, you are writing for yourself.*

Focus on *thoughts, feelings, fears, hopes, dreams.*

Format - date your entries, some people use 'Dear Diary' but you don't have to.

Record - Reflect - Consider

Use the spaces below to jot down some ideas for each entry.

Put down as many ideas as possible. You don't have to use them all.



