

Tuesday 12th January

I can identify the features of a diary entry

In today's lesson, we are going to look at a diary entry written from Julius' perspective in Varjack Paw.

Dear Diary,

It's been such a stressful day! Sometimes I wish that Varjak was not a part of our family, he doesn't even look like a real blue Mesopotamian kitten. I know that Father agrees with me, especially after today.

It all began like any other day, I woke up nice and early so that I could eat my breakfast first. I have to eat more than Varjak because I am much bigger and far stronger! For most of the day I found my favourite spot and rested like I do every day.

After a while, I had to listen to yet another one of Elder Paw's childish tales. I don't understand why Varjak likes them so much, it must be because he is so foolish. These tales are so boring that they always make me sleepy. Just as I was dozing off, I was woken up by Father shouting at Varjak. Why was he trying to sneak outside anyway? He's not nearly strong enough or brave enough to face the Outside. I didn't mind that he got into trouble because it meant I got to eat two dinners!

Then, Varjak tried to create even more trouble. He lied to us about there being other cats in the house. I think he is just trying to get attention! Eventually, Elder Paw insisted that we checked to see if he was telling the truth, but of course he wasn't. He never tells the truth, he's a massive liar. Varjak doesn't fit in with our family, it would be a far greater house if he would just leave.

Anyway, I must go now as I need to get some well needed rest. I will write again tomorrow as there's no doubt Varjak will do something idiotic again.

Julius

## A good diary entry:

- Is written in the first person
- Retells the day's events
- Includes thoughts and feelings  
e.g. show not tell
- Opens with 'Dear Diary'
- Has the date it was written
- Is written in the past tense

### Task:

Use the copy of the diary entry in your pack and stick in your book. Underline the features you have found and label them.

Challenge! Can you find any examples of show not tell?