

Writing

LO: To write a diary entry, describing in detail feelings as well as sights.

YOUR TASK:

Your task is to write a diary entry as Tom about his experience with the midnight fox. As it is a diary, you must have a clear focus on the different emotions Tom would have felt in his encounter with the fox. When describing the fox in Tom's eyes, it must be clear the awe that he feels as he watches it closely. You may want to refer to the text from Monday's lessons to help you with some initial descriptive ideas.



Things you may want to consider:

- **A range of descriptive devices.** Consider the figurative language you can use to describe the midnight fox.
- **Repetition and short sentences for effect** – repetition can be a really powerful tool to show a character's feelings as well as short sentences
- **A range of conjunctions** – use subordinating conjunction as well as co-ordinating conjunctions to ensure that you have a range of sentence types.
- **A range of punctuation for effect** – in this piece of writing, you could use exclamation marks, dashes, semi-colon, colons and even an ellipsis.

Success Criteria

Sentence Structure and Punctuation	Text and Organisation	Composition and effect	Spelling
Complex sentence: • Connectives - however, although, despite, yet, when, whilst, if • Parenthesis Capital letters for names and places? () brackets () ??? Question marks ??? !!! Exclamation marks !!! Colon :::: Semi colon ;;; Hyphen ---- Ellipsis Apostrophes - can't, didn't, haven't	Link paragraphs Ordered text with introduction AND conclusion.	Figurative Language: Similes Metaphors Personification Expanded noun phrases Adjectives Adverbs ✓ Dash ✓ Repetition for effect ✓ Figurative Language	

Suggested Structure and Planning Sheet

This is an idea to help guide you; **if you have other ideas, please pursue them.** There is not a strict number of paragraphs but the following will help you to structure your ideas.

Paragraph One – Describe life staying with your aunt and uncle on their farm

As always, staying with my aunt and uncle on their bustling farm is a thoroughly enjoyable experience. I really enjoy being part of their busy lifestyle – so different from the one I am used to at home. Here, I am at one with nature and totally absorbed in the countryside and all its wonders. It is truly thrilling and inspirational, particularly the sight that I witnessed today.

Paragraph Two – Explain about the moment when you first saw the midnight fox

Sitting in a grove of trees looking out onto the fields, I had just finished writing a letter to my friend, Petie, when something totally awe-inspiring happened: a black shape in the distance began to leap in and out of the grass. At first, I thought I was seeing things, but then I saw it clearly... a black fox running straight towards me!

Paragraph Three – Describe the experience in detail. Describe the fox as well as your feelings.

Not feeling frightened in the slightest, I knew I had to stay as still and quiet as I could although I could feel my heart thudding in my throat! As her steps, lighter than a cat's, came closer, I could tell that she had picked up my scent. Face to face and motionless, she looked straight at me, her pale green golden eyes on me. The wind had parted her fur as it changed direction, but standing so close, I could see it was black tipped with white as if it were midnight and the moon was shining on it, frosting it. The fox's head was cocked to one side in an inquisitive fashion, her tail curled up and her front left leg raised. What a beautiful sight!

Paragraph Four – Describe how the fox left you and the feelings you were left with.

Wondering if she would stay in my presence, her nose quivered as she opened her mouth to reveal the pink tip of her tongue. She was not afraid – I was not afraid, but the spell was broken. With a bound that was lighter than the wind itself, she was gone! Left alone, I yearned for her to return. I wished I could see it all over again, like switching the rewind button on a film to see myself with the magnificent creature, to prolong that precious moment in time with the midnight fox.