

A Day in the Life of...

A Day in the Life of a Football Stadium

Saturday, March 8. I woke early. I always do on Saturdays. It rained in the morning and a few humans arrived. They cut my grass and painted those white lines on me. I looked so smart. But ooh, it tickled. In the afternoon thousands of humans came inside me! I felt so full. I thought I would burst! And the noise they made! At 3 o'clock a few more humans ran all over my grass in coloured shirts. Then at 5 o'clock all the humans disappeared, and I was on my own again. It was very, very quiet all night.

Martha

Early on July 31st, 1802, William Wordsworth stood on Westminster Bridge, over the River Thames in London, and wrote his famous poem. In it, he sees London wearing the dawn light like a garment. And in the quiet of the morning he senses that 'all that mighty heart is lying still'.

Wordsworth is clearly imagining London as a living place. Well, what if the city is alive and can speak for itself? What if all other places can? What if they can write? What if a place keeps a diary?

A diary is where we record not just what happens in a day, but also our private thoughts, feelings and secrets.

You are going to write a diary entry for one day in the life of one place. Be sure you read all the details below before you start writing.

- * First, choose your place. Any place. For example, an ocean, a shed, Saturn, a playground, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, an iceberg.
- * Write the title, 'A Day in the Life of' and add the place you have chosen.
- * Next, choose a date for your place's diary entry. If possible, a date in an interesting time for the place. For example, Christmas Day in a house, Midsummer's Day in Blackpool, a spring day in a forest.
- * Now think about your chosen place and note down anything you think might happen there on the day you've chosen. Most importantly, think how the place feels about the events of the day. What excites it, what annoys it, what puzzles it. Think so hard, you start to become the place.
- * Write the date you've picked and now write the diary entry.
- * **Hint:** A good way to show straight away that you are imagining yourself as the place is to begin with the first-person pronoun 'I'.