

Dear Diary

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Activity

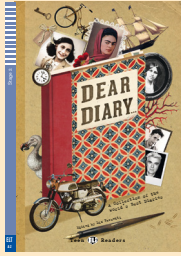
Put the words in the box in the right space.

foreign - hard - imaginary - secret - traditional - warm

- 1 When I was 21 I moved from England to Uganda. It was my first experience of life in a _____ country.
- 2 'Can you make me another cup of tea?' my aunt asked me, 'I forgot about this one and now it isn't even _____.'
- 3 I wanted to tell my friend about a _____ conversation I heard on the school bus that morning, but I was worried, would he tell everyone?
- 4 When we arrived in the village, the people came out of their houses to meet us wearing _____ clothes.
- 5 I tried the bread, but it was so _____ and old it was impossible to eat.
- 6 When my sister was very young, she had a friend that only she could see. She talked to this _____ friend until she was 7, and then one day she stopped and never spoke about it again.

1 foreign; 2 warm; 3 secret; 4 traditional; 5 hard; 6 imaginary

Answer:



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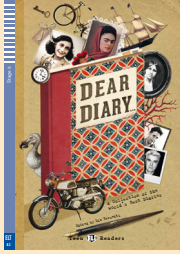
Test yourself

Can you remember?

- 5 I Who played the guitar and wrote songs but had a lot of problems in his life and died when he was still young?
- 2 Which artist had a blue house and painted with bright colours?
- 3 Which young girl went to America because a class of school children read her diary and wanted to meet her?
- 4 Who could only write a little about his difficult life, but his story had a happy ending?
- 5 Who travelled in a sailing ship to South America and understood an important thing about life on our planet?
- 6 Who travelled through South America on a motorbike and was unhappy about the way that people were living without money?

Answer:

1 Kurt Cobain; 2 Frida Kahlo; 3 Zlata Filipović; 4 Adam F. Plummer; 5 Charles Darwin; 6 Che Guevara



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Key (KET) – Speaking

Work in pairs. One of you has information about a concert by Bob Dylan. The second person must ask questions to find out about it.

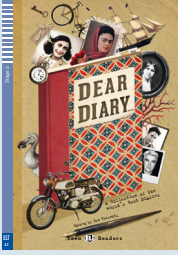
Bob Dylan in Concert!
Come and hear the 'voice of a generation'

playing at Radio City Music Hall, New York
Saturday 25th May

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Tickets from \$45-\$150

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- where / play?
- when / play?
- time / starts?
- tickets / cost?
- book / tickets?
- other information?



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Focus on...

TRAVEL JOURNALS

A travel journal is a record made by a traveller, sometimes in diary form, of the traveler's experiences, written during the course of the journey.

An early example is the writing of Pausanias (2nd century AD) who produced his *Description of Greece* based on his own observations.

James Boswell published his *The Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides* in 1786 and Goethe published his *Italian Journey*, based on diaries, in 1816.

Fannie Calderón de la Barca, the Scottish-born wife of the Spanish ambassador to Mexico 1839-1842, wrote *Life in Mexico*, an important travel narrative of her time there, with many observations of local life.

A more recent example is Che Guevara's *The Motorcycle Diaries*. A travelogue is a film, book written up from a travel diary, or illustrated talk describing the experiences of and places visited by traveller.

Anglo-American Bill Bryson is known for *A Walk in the Woods*, made into a Hollywood film.

