

Journals - starter ideas

Journals are a wonderful way to express ideas. There is no right or wrong way of writing them - students can be creative and use their imaginations. The words can be written in fancy ways or arranged unusually on the paper, and illustrations may be added (even rebus-style, in place of words). The point of writing a journal is simply to get one's thoughts on paper.

Possible activities:

- imagine you are a reporter. Take (or draw) a photo and write a caption for it
- write about someone you admire
- write about what it would be like to be someone else
- write about what it would be like to do something impossible (like fly)
- explain what really annoys you
- make a choice between two options, and explain your choice
- explain the best way to make something
- write about when you were younger
- discuss your feelings or a particular emotion
- write about switching places with someone else for a day
- imagine you were an animal
- talk about something scary, or brave, or embarrassing you did
- give advice to others
- explain why something other people think is not true, and why
- predict what things will be like in the future
- talk about how other people might feel about something