

This is a learner diary that I would like you to use during this course. It has two main purposes:

1. to record what you think you learn during class, for example new vocabulary, a new expression, correct pronunciation, something new about verb forms, etc.
2. to record what you do in your free time to expose yourself to English, for example watch a movie in English, listen to the radio in English, write an email in English, etc.

Please try to add some information every day or every other day.

We will also sometimes use this diary for writing activities that I can then correct.

My name is Elisa.

I work at the University of Padova.

Padova, 03/10/2014

Dear Sarah,

I don't remember the link to learning links.

Could you remind me what it is, please?

Thank you very much.

Best Regards

Elisa

Now I found it, but I don't have Javascript on my computer.

[Elisa, is this something you think you might be able to solve? Ah, technology is great when it works!]

Padova, 12/03/2014

Dear Sarah,

I don't know if the Comment of directions arrived correctly on the blog so I decided to write text again:

C: Good morning!

E: Good morning! May I help you?

C: Yes, Thank you. I have to go to the train station but I don't know the right way.

E: Go through the door, turn right, go straight on past all the classrooms and go out of Palazzo del Bo.

C: Ok.

E: When you are out, turn right and you will be on the street where the tram runs. Turn left and go straight on for half a km. Cross a little bridge and continue straight on going past 3 or 4 cross roads. The train station is in front of you.

C: Thank you very much.

E: No problem. Goodbye!

C: Goodbye!

Padova, 20/03/2014

Dear Sarah,

Today it's a spring day!

The weather is beautiful and the sun is out.

Today I went to the park with my two daughters. They played a lot with the swings and slide and it was a lot of fun!

Tomorrow I hope to go to the IT room for lesson with you and my colleagues.

Kiss.

Elisa

Dear Elisa,

I'm not sure if you made it to the IT room on Thursday because I was very busy with a conference here. In any case, I hope you have made some progress on the tasks I set out and I look forward to seeing you tomorrow (if the webcam works!).

Best,

Sarah

Dear Sarah,

I am still at work now!

Sorry but I can't go to the IT room today because I have a lot deadlines.

I studied English at home last weekend and I finished module 1.

See you soon.

Best regards,

Elisa

28/03/2014

Elisa's plan for Easter

Dear Sarah,

I hope you are well now!

First: the links of CLA didn't work.

Second: I didn't plan my Easter holiday yet, but I hope to go to visit a city like Parma. My family

and I used to travel with a camper and it was easier than having to book a hotel room.. Its depends on the weather: if it is we will probably go to the beach, not for swimming but to sunbathe!

What do you do for Easter holiday?

XOXO

Elisa

Dear Sarah,

Learning links doesn't work again. Shit!

I have don't have much time to study the English language, so sorry for my vulgar expression.

Are you in the USA for conferences? Did you go alone? Were you able to take a little tour in the city of conferences or not? Were you a speaker at the conference or did you listen to other people?

How many places do you visit in a year usually?

Do you like travel?

Wich is your favorite place for a holiday? I'll explain: do you prefer the mountains or the beach or visiting cities?

XOXO

Elisa

Dear Elisa,

I was in NYC as an organizer and presenter so it was all quite stressful. This might be why I ended up getting sick :-(It was all very interesting, I was just very tired by the end (plus the jet lag!).

Do I like to travel? It totally stresses me out, but I love it, I need to travel, it's like food for me.

Why try to visit at least one city/country a year with the family and I try to travel a bit more for work. Travelling is much easier if you're in Europe because there are so many different places you can go that are very different, but not very far away.

My favorite place? The ocean. I grew up going there every summer, (try to) take my kids every summer and we're very fortunate to have a relative who has a home in Lerici where we can spend time in the summer.

Ok, I'm in the airport and they're boarding my plane.

Be patient with the technology and do other things to keep up you're English ;-)

See you Tuesday.

Sarah

04/04/2014

Hi Sarah,

I didn't find the [A2, Module 2, 'This Christmas she's going to'](#) so I couldn't do it.

I'll try to do the Level A2, Module 3.

Have a nice night!

Elisa