

Example 1: Funny Diary Entry

Dear Diary,

Today, I tried to bake cookies. The smoke alarm thinks I did a terrible job. The cookies came out looking like tiny, burnt hockey pucks. My little brother still ate three of them—he said they tasted “crunchy with a hint of disaster.” Next time, I’ll stick to buying cookies from the store.

♦ Discussion Questions:

- How does the writer feel about their baking?
 - What words or phrases make this funny?
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Example 2: Serious News Report

A fire broke out in a local bakery on Monday afternoon. Firefighters arrived quickly and were able to control the flames within 20 minutes. No one was injured, but the bakery suffered significant damage. The owner stated, “We will rebuild and come back stronger.”

♦ Discussion Questions:

- How does the writer’s tone differ from the diary entry?
 - What makes this writing sound serious?
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Example 3: Descriptive Poem

*Golden leaves dance in the autumn breeze,
Crisp air whispers through the tall trees.
The river hums a quiet tune,
Beneath the glowing harvest moon.*

♦ Discussion Questions:

- How does the writer’s voice create a peaceful feeling?
- What words or phrases make the poem descriptive?