



My MEP Projects

Project: Chinese Diary
Project Series: Personal



This Project is all about you!

As you are going to keep a diary about your own life, you are free to write whatever you like. However, there are two little rules:

- 1) You must follow the instructions in this booklet.*
- 2) You must, of course, not write anything rude or mean.*

By writing for any five days of the week, you can complete this Project and earn 1 Badge. Remember to tick the box at the bottom of every Task or Day you complete.

Go for it!



1. Read these notes carefully before you start your diary.

- a. Write your name neatly on the lines under 名字 (míng zì – name) on page 1.
- b. Study the **Very, Very Useful Words and Phrases** sheets below. They will really help you to write a great diary and will also make you more advanced in your Chinese!
- c. Next, check out the **What to Write About?** page.
- d. Write for **30 minutes** for each of the five days. If you do less than that on one day, try to make it up by writing more on another day. **Add the day of the week and date** at the top.
- e. Use your knowledge gained from the Project **'Learning Chinese Through Technology'** to help you look up some of the words you don't know, or to see how they're written.
- f. **HAVE FUN** with this Project! **Don't worry** about making every sentence perfect. The main thing is that you enjoy doing your diary entries!
- g. Each diary day has borders for you to add your own decorations or favourite Chinese characters.
- h. **It's OK** to write the occasional pinyin or English word or phrase. The important thing is that you try to use characters for at least two thirds of the text.
- i. Try to make your diary look lovely. You can also use your own paper for the five days, but you must attach them to this booklet.
- j. There's a box after Day 5 called **List of Cool New Characters I Looked Up** for you to add some of the words you come across each day. You can also make your own Quizlet flash card course called 'New Diary Words'!

Tick the box when you've read the notes.

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2. Very, Very, Useful Words and Phrases

TIME WORDS

Tip

Remember to put time words near the start of a sentence before action words! 我 goes before or straight after the time word.

今天 jīn tiān - today

昨天 zuó tiān - yesterday

明天 míng tiān - tomorrow

Add 上午 shàng wǔ for morning.

E.g. 今天上午, 我 ... = This morning I ...

Add 下午 xià wǔ for afternoon.

E.g. 昨天下午, 我爸爸 ...

= Yesterday afternoon, my dad...

Add 晚上 wǎn shàng for evening.

E.g. 今天晚上, 我弟弟 ...

= This evening my younger brother ...

点 diǎn (下午五点) - o'clock

半 bàn (上午十点半) - half (past)

分 fēn (晚上九点四十五分) minute(s) past

星期一 xīng qī yī - Monday

星期二 xīng qī èr - Tuesday

星期三 - Wednesday

星期四 - Thursday

星期五 - Friday

星期六 - Saturday

星期日 xīng qī rì / 星期天 xīng qī tiān

- Sunday

SCHOOL SUBJECTS (can you add the English meanings?)

英文 yīng wén _____

中文 zhōng wén _____

数学 shù xué _____

地理 dì lǐ _____

历史 lì shǐ _____

体育 tǐ yù _____

音乐 yīn yuè _____

美术 měi shù _____

Try adding 课 kè to mean 'class'

E.g. 我两点半有地理课。

= I had a geography (class) at 2:30.

You can always look up other subjects yourself, and add these to the 'List of Cool New Characters I Looked Up' page at the end of this project.

Tip

Try to use some hobbies and/or sports. And always say roughly what time you get up and go to bed.

Examples

看书 read a book

看电视 watch TV

踢足球 play football

游泳 swim

起床 get up

睡觉 go to bed/sleep

4: Useful verbs to know!

USEFUL VERBS

去 qù – go
坐 zuò – take, go by (e.g. + bus)
喜欢 xǐ huan – like
不喜欢 bù xǐ huan – don't like
想 xiǎng – want to
想去 xiǎng qù – want to go
喝 hē – drink
吃 chī – eat
穿 chuān – wear

Example sentences

早饭我吃鸡蛋，喝茶。
For breakfast I ate an egg and drank some tea.

我八点坐公共汽车去上学。
At 8:00 I took the bus to school.

LINKING WORDS

因为 yīn wèi - because
可是 kě shì - but
还有, ... Hǎi yǒu, ... - Furthermore, ...
先 xiān – First (e.g. 我先 ... = First I ...)
然后 rán hòu - then

我今天
很忙。



Practise activity:

Using some of the words and phrases above, can you work out how to write the following sentences in Chinese?

1. This morning I got up at 07:30

2. This afternoon, first I had a Chinese class, then I had a History class.

3. This evening I read a book.

6. What more can I write about?

Well, this is really up to you! Here are some ideas to get you started. You could mention:

- Times you get up and go to bed; what you ate
- Times you do anything else, e.g. go to school, go home
- How you got to school
- What time you did homework
- What music you listened to
- Which TV show you watched
- Something you liked (e.g. food)
- Anything at all (that's *not* rude)

See if you can show some opinions. Use 觉得 jué de – I feel, find, I think that. For example:

我看了 Eastenders, 我觉得很无聊。
= I watched Eastenders, I found it boring.

Below are a few great adjectives to use with 觉得 jué de:

好吃 hǎo chī – tasty (food)
好喝 hǎo hē – tasty (drink)
好看 hǎo kàn – good-looking, enjoyable to watch or read (films and books)
不好看 bù hǎo kàn – not enjoyable to read or watch
无聊 wú liáo – boring
好玩 or 好玩儿 hǎo wán or hǎo wánr – fun
有趣 yǒu qù – interesting
累 lèi – tired

Practise activity:

Using some of the words and phrases above, can you work out how to say the following sentences?

1. I had a Maths class at 3:00. I don't like Maths.

2. This afternoon I ate a hamburger, I found it tasty. I like hamburgers.

3. This evening I played basketball, I found it fun.

4. At 22:00 I watched the news, then I went to bed. I feel tired.

8: Working out the Pinyin!

Here is an example of a diary entry. It has been translated into English- can you work out the pinyin? Write it on top of the characters. After you have completed the pinyin:

十一月三十日

30th November

今天是星期一

Today is Monday

我今天六点半起床，我很累。我早饭吃烤面包。

I got up at 6:30 today, I was really tired. I ate toast for breakfast.

我坐火车去学校。我先上数学课，然后有中文课。

I took the train to school. First I had Maths, then Chinese.

下午我有数学课，我觉得很无聊。

In the afternoon I had Maths, which I found boring.

回家以后，我先做作业，然后和爸爸一起看电视。

When I got home I first did homework, then I watched TV with Dad.

我们看了 *Strictly Come Dancing*，我觉得很好看。

We watched Strictly Come Dancing, I enjoyed it a lot.

我想明天晚上去电影院，因为我非常喜欢看电影。

I'd like to go to the cinema tomorrow because I love watching movies.

我想看 *Harry Potter*。

I want to see Harry Potter.

现在九点四十五分，我要睡觉了。

It's now 9:45, I'm going to bed.

晚安！

Goodnight!

List of Cool New Characters I Looked Up

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Well done!



太棒了!

Your Achievements

Congratulations on completing 1 MEP Project!

- If you completed all five days satisfactorily, then you deserve much praise as it requires skill and dedication to keep a diary in Chinese. 🎵
- Now that you've had some practice of keeping a diary all in Chinese, why not get yourself your own notebook or diary that you can write some daily 'Chinese thoughts' in to continue this excellent skill?

Final Fun Challenge

Can you work out or guess what the word below could mean?

Answer: _____



*If your teacher signs you off,
you will collect 1 Badge!*