

Writing — A Convict's Diary on the First Fleet

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Your task

Imagine you are a young convict aboard the First Fleet in 1788, after eight months at sea. Write a diary entry describing the voyage, your feelings, and your first sight of land at Sydney Cove.

Diary features

- Write in the first person ('I')
- Use the past tense
- Include dates
- Share your feelings
- Write as if no one else will read it

Word bank

voyage, cramped, storm, weary, hopeful, frightened, distant, shore, unfamiliar, exhausted.

Sentence starters

- Today, at last,...
- After so many months at sea,...
- I cannot help but feel...

Success criteria

- First person and past tense
- Real feelings
- Details from the voyage
- Paragraphs
- Capital letters and full stops

Write your diary entry
