

## What to do today

*IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.*

### 1. It's reading time!

Read/re-read the story of *Angry Cat* and then read the *Page from Rat's Diary*.

- Can you spot the conjunctions that Rat has included in his writing?
- Watch out – some are at the *start* of his sentences.

### 2. All about diaries

Carefully read through *Rat's Diary Features Checklist* to learn all about the language and layout features of diaries.

- Compare the *Page from Rat's Diary* against the *Checklist*. Is there anything on the list that Rat did not use or do? (*no day/date.*)

### 3. Let's get ready for writing

On pieces of *Diary Page Paper*, you are going to write Angry Cat's diary entry, recounting the *very* angry-making day she had!

- As you write, refer to the *Checklist* to make sure you have used all the features mentioned. When you have finished, tick off each one you have used.
- Can you use the conjunctions *because*, *when* and *if* in your diary writing? Can you use at least one conjunction at the start of a sentence? (*When Dog came in, I felt very angry indeed.*)

### Now try these Fun-Time Extras

- Use a book of your own or more sheets of *Diary Page Paper* to keep your own diary for a few days. How many days can you keep it going for?
- Write a diary entry as if written by your one of your teddies, dolls or toys

## A Page from Rat's Diary



*Dear Diary,*

*What a day it has been! I felt very hungry when I woke up. I knew Cat's milk would be waiting for me if I was lucky, so I set off to have a cheeky gulp. I was just sniffing at the bowl when I saw a flash of blue. I knew it was Cat because I heard her growl and hiss. I was so scared because she has very sharp claws, especially when she is angry. Which is all the time. I ran back to my burrow as fast as I could. I had just lain down in the straw when Cat's snarling face appeared at the door. Luckily, she pushed off pretty quickly. It took me all day to recover. I won't be doing that again tomorrow because it is too scary!*

**because      when      if**

## Rat's Diary Features Checklist



<u>Writing or Layout Feature</u>	
Written in the <b>first person</b> ( <i>I woke up very early, I ate a huge breakfast</i> )	
Written in the <b>past tense</b> , talking about things that have already happened ( <i>I went to school this morning, I worked really hard today.</i> )	
Recount <b>events in order</b> ( <i>I walked home and then I watched some TV. Later I played a game.</i> )	
Sometimes begin with the line <b>Dear Diary</b> , as if it is being written to an actual person	
Sometimes have the <b>date</b> at the top of the page.	

Diary Page Paper

