

Read the extract and then underline the features in the different colours that they are written. (Ignore the numbers!)

Written in first person²

Inverted commas for direct speech⁷

Addresses the diary directly¹

Describes author's thoughts and feelings⁶

Written in past tense

21st February 2020

Dear Diary,

Oh my goodness! I've never been so frightened in all of my life! Yesterday, I was actually eaten by a wolf - that's right, eaten - and I lived to tell the tale. Can you believe it? Me, Red! Or 'Little Red', as everyone seems to want to say. Hmph.

It all started when mother sent me on yet *another* one of her errands. Don't get me wrong. I do love to visit Granny, but is it really necessary to take baskets of food all of the time? She couldn't get through this basket full of cupcakes even if she was having daily dinner parties with the whole village! And I do wish that mother wouldn't pester me so:

"No dilly-dallying, keep to the path, and never ever talk to strangers. Do you hear me?"

Pester, pester, pester.

Anyway, off I skipped in the beautiful sunshine, down the path to the lane and through the forest, waving to the old woodcutter as I went. It was such a lovely day; animals were scampering around on the ground and birds were chirping in the trees. I got quite carried away, until I heard a silky-sounding voice from the shadows....

Rhetorical questions³

Events are described only from the author's perspective⁸

Includes opinions as well as facts⁴

Author explains the reasons for their actions⁹

Uses informal and chatty language⁵

Adverbials of time¹⁰