Diary Of A Worm -Shared Writing Lesson - Video Transcript

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All right guys. Now look, we've had a read of this great book by Doreen Cronin, we know what a diary is, we have a few laughs as we did it because, we realised it wasn't actually real as such - it was like funny and made up and everything, and then we made that decision, that we're going to pretend to be a creature and that we're going to have a go at writing two or three diaries of our own.

We don't want them to be real though, they can be imaginative and we can try and put a bit of humour and make them a little bit funny and that as well.

Now I've had a go at my one... what was the creature I chose Zoe?

"A sparrow."

Oh a sparrow that's right. How many entries did I do Ryan?

"Four."

I did four entries, didn't I. Okay hey look guys, that first one what was the setting for the first one?

"Bird school."

Oh was it oh it was a bird school. What was the second.... oh can you remember the setting for the second one?

"Yes it was gonna be the singing school."

Oh, Mrs Canary's singing school. What about the uh the fourth one can you remember yeah?

"Don't you mean the third?"

Oh sorry, the third you're quite right.

"The tree where the Kereru is."

Oh the tree where the Kereru was - and where was the fourth?

"He was going to go back to the singing school?"

Okay, so those were our contexts. We had school, school, tree and school.

Now look, if I'm going to do another entry for another day, I want to do something a bit different than a school or a tree.

Can anyone think of somewhere else this sparrow might like to go to?

Where do you reckon Xanthe?

"They could go to find a patch of mud where there's a bunch of worms?"

Oh why not! Anyone else got any other.... remember it can be imaginative.... what do you reckon?

"A bird feeder restaurant?"

Oh a restaurant, thank you - what are you gonna say?

"How's the house full of cats!"

Oooo oh they wouldn't like that very much would they, they wouldn't like that! I was thinking of the movies as well I wonder what movie the sparrow would go to can anyone think of the title of a movie that doesn't have to be a real one that a sparrow might go to?

"The cheery of the day..."

Ooh okay what are you gonna say?

"It's not about the movie name, but how will we pay for the tickets?"

Oh ha! Imaginative! Okay? Imaginative.

Now look, I like your idea of a restaurant. I'm going to think about him going to a restaurant. I wonder what restaurant the sparrow would like to go to? Has anyone got any ideas? Yeah?

"Maybe a bird feeder?"

Ooh a bird feeder.... all right okay, what are you gonna say?

"A bird diner!"

A bird diner.... what do you reckon?

"Oh maybe... like... a bird tree-house where you can like, order food."

Oh why not.....

"An all you can eat buffet for bird seed?"

An all you can eat buffet!! Okay, okay look I could take any of those ideas! What was your one again?

"A bird diner!"

A bird diner - do you all know what a diner is? Yeah, it's where you go.... like another word for a restaurant, isn't it?

So let's oh I'm going to pretend that he goes to this bird diner... let's give it a name! What might this bird diner be called?

"The birdie place."

The birdie place - anyone else got an idea what it could be called? Not sure Lily? Okay we'll go with his idea then! So he goes to.... so, we've got the idea - now hang on, let me have a little think, let me have a think guys, let me have a think!

We've got him going to a bird diner...

We've got him going.... it's called the 'birdie'... what am I going to put on the end of bird to make a 'birdie'? Would it be "I E"? I was thinking "Y" but I think that's probably better isn't it..... you reckon The Birdie Place? [yeah] little capital line...

Now I quite like your idea of what he has to eat there. What did you say?

"An all you can eat buffet."

All you can eat buffet - now what might be his favourite thing in this buffet?

All the bird seed.....

"Toasted worms?"

Toasted worms!

"Fruit ice cream", fruit ice cream

"Spaghetti bol-a-worms!"

Oh bola-.....haha... what do you reckon Ryan, take one of those ideas... which one?

"The Spaghetti Bola Worms."

Ah ha ha.... I like some of the other ones too, all right, spaghetti.... I think that's how you spell spaghetti... bola.....ohh, not bolognaise, but bola works...?

All right guys, that's great, that's great. So we know that he goes to a bird diner, it's called 'The Birdie Place', oh it's what did you say? All you can eat buffet? Can I pop that down too.... All you can eat..... buffet...

Oh that's a strange word. It sounds like an "aye" on the end, but because it comes from the French - it looks like " buff et" doesn't it, but you say "buffet".

All right, okay, okay, yeah right now look, I know my job is to actually just uh write that diary entry, I know I've got to try and put some great describing words into it - and I think we've got some of those down there already but I'm also thinking that it's like got to be fun and conversational tone and things like that. So how am I going to start this off? I can't just write "bird diary of the birdie place" blah blah blah?

Hmmm how am I going to.... what do you reckon?

"Mum took me on the weekend to the Birdie Place."

Oh, so mum took him, he didn't go by himself? [Yeah]

Alright, what are you gonna say

"I was putting my fancy vest on..."

I was putting my fancy vest on..... to go to... 'The Birdie Place' which is a bird diner.

Thank you, what are you gonna say?

"Mum got her paycheck today, so we're going to the birdie place."

Oh, that's neat!

[impression] " 'Hello please can I have your order', said the waiter."

Ahhh, so you're taking us right into the place, the waiter coming up.

Hey, is it okay if I go with your idea? Say it again please for me?

"Mum got her paycheck today so we get to go to the birdie place."

So we get to go to the birdie place. What do you reckon guys, is that a good start? [Yeah].... all right, hang on....

'Mum - got - her..... ' what did you say? "Paycheck" - is that one word or two words do you think? [One], how do you spell it Ryan ?

"P A Y C H E C K."

I think you're probably right, I was thinking it had a "q" in it but I think actually that way is right! 'Mum got her paycheck' ... today did you say? '... today....'

So finish off the sentence for me?

"So we got to go to the birdie place for dinner

So - we - got - to - go - to - the - birdie - place...' Oh we've got it up there....' -birdie - place - for' oh - messy writing... ' for - dinner', full stop!

Read it with me guys, mum got her paycheck today so we got to go to The Birdie Place for dinner.

Lovely opening, great opening now - do we need to say what the birdie place is?

"Not really."

Not really - what do you reckon?

"Maybe"

Maybe - what do you reckon? I'm just thinking, er.... what do you reckon?

"I think yes, you like - you could do if you don't know what The Birdie Place is - it's a really great diner for birds."

Oh! The Birdie Place is - it's a really great diner for birds... if you didn't know or you don't know...

"If you didn't..."

Oh right - is that OK Ryan?

"Yeah - I thought it was a buffet though?"

Ooh But you told me it was a bird diner?

"It's a bird diner with an all you can eat buffet!"

Oh yeah yeah okay we'll try and get that idea in as well buddy hang on let's have a go. If you, if you..... finish it off for me.... if you 'didn't know, if you didn't know.....'

Finish the sentence for me....'if you didn't know, what The Birdie Place is... '

... go on?..... It is

'It is a diner with an all you can eat buffet."

It is a diner with all you can eat buffet. Ohhh.

Righty-oh, read it over with me guys:

'Mum got her paycheck today, so we got to go to The Birdie Place for dinner. If you didn't know what The Birdie Place is, it is a diner with all you can eat buffet.'

Ohh, should it be 'an all you can eat buffet' or just 'all you can eat buffet'? [An] ....

So where does 'an' go Ryan

"An all you can eat buffet..."

Thank you very much. I'll put that up there. All right that's pretty good, that's pretty good we've got a lot of those ideas.

"I have another one"..... [Yeah]..... As the waiter came over I told him that I wanted.... the spaghetti bola worms and some other orders...."

"Maybe like spaghetti bol-a-worms on the side of seeds...."

With a side of toasted worms, as someone said to me before.... oh we've got - no we've got the worms there haven't we.

Can I go straight into that? I quite like that. Before we ate, mum said.... - what did mum say?

"Make sure to use your manners".

Make sure you use your manners - what about that? Is that okay [yeah, yeah]. All right....

'Before - you - eat - mom - said - make - sure - you - use - your - manners....'

All right guys, I'm going to read it over again now, I'm going to put dot, dot, dot, because we could put lots more but we're running out of space.

From the top guys: "Mum got her paycheck today so we got to go to The Birdie Place for dinner. If you didn't know what The Birdie Place is, it is a diner with an all-you-can-eat buffet. "Before you eat," mum said, "make sure you use your manners." What do you reckon guys? Are we doing okay so far? What do you reckon?

"I mean, you need to add speech marks..."

Ooh can you come and do them for me please?

[Oh it's a too thick pen].... that's alright, I know what you mean.

You're very clever! Because I thought you would get that one mixed up Ryan. Why didn't you put 'mum said' in the speech marks too?

"Because the mum wasn't saying 'before you eat mum said' !"

Ooh she's not saying that is she - she's just saying 'before you guys, eat make sure you use your manners' - Oh should I put that in 'before you guys eat' - or do you think it's okay as it is?

"It's okay as it is". That's okay as it is, all right okay. Now look guys, I think I'm really, really pleased with this.

Can you see any other miss..... I'm going to read it again to see if there's any other mistakes we've made or changes we need to make.... 'mum got her paycheck today, so we got to go to The Birdie Place for dinner. If you didn't know what The Birdie Place is.... it is a diner with an all-you-can-eat buffet. "Before you eat," mum said, "make sure you use your manners."

Well I saw at least two other mistakes I've made. Manuela?

"On that line there needs to be a comma".

Can you do it for me please?

Did you hear that little pause? Yeah thank you. I've seen a mistake - a really easy mistake I've made in that line there too!

"You need to add that mark".

What do we call that mark?

"Apostrophe".

Oh yeah, to show the letter's left out, don't we. Oh you've got it in the right place too. Now, 'before you eat', mum said.... Do I put a full stop after that, or do I put it after.....?

Do I put a full stop 'before you eat.... mum said' ? [No].... No - what do I put though [what about a comma] -

Ohh I'll..... all right I'll try a comma... 'before you eat', mum said, 'make sure you use.....' do I need to put anything down there ....

"A full stop maybe?"

Before you eat', mum said.... but that "mum said before you eat, make sure you use your manners.... I might have a go Ryan, at putting another comma after that. Alright? I'm not quite sure that I need a capital on make, but I think I'll leave it as it is.

Yeah yeah, hey look guys, I'm really pleased with that as an opening - as the next diary entry.

You reckon that we've got that conversational tone? You reckon? Yeah - it's not formal is it?

Now, have we got any great describing words? Not really yet have we? Yeah, okay - can you think of um oh I love.... we haven't got the bowl of worms - we'll put that in later shall we? Yeah, yeah.

Can you think of any other changes or words we could make? "Mum got her paycheck today, so we've got to go...." Mmmm I don't know - anything else?

"Mum got her paycheck, got a papery er paper paycheck paycheck made of paper?"

Oh yeah.... I suppose we could.. Do we really need that though? Yeah, no look - let's leave it as it is hey?

I think I might just put a tiny little tick for that one.

But what I'm really pleased about, is that in fact you guys actually found out some of those mistakes we made - especially the uh all the speech marks around there and some of the commas and things like that.

Okay guys, thank you so much.... Let's leave it at that.... you've done really well guys.

[Thank you].... thank you and thank you for your great ideas - because I never thought about going to The Birdie Place - All you can eat buffet - I'd like to go there! All right, okay guys, you can go back to your classrooms now.