



# LIVING IN LOCKDOWN

KS3 English Writing Workbook

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As you've probably heard the adults around you say a lot recently, these are 'unprecedented' times. This is a moment in history that you will never forget.

Try out some of these writing activities to capture your thoughts and feelings during lockdown.

### **A letter to your future self**

Write a letter to your future self about this strange and new way of life.

Use the questions below to help you come up with some ideas, and then make a note of what each paragraph will be about, before you begin writing.

### **Questions to spark your ideas**

- How long have you been in lockdown so far?
- Thinking back to when you heard that schools were closing, can you remember how you felt? Excited? Frightened? Or something else? How have your feelings changed?
- What do you miss most? What don't you miss at all?
- What have been the highlights so far? What have been the most difficult aspects of lockdown?
- What have you learned about yourself that you didn't already know? For example, are you more easily bored than you thought, do you like or dislike particular structures and routines, or have you learned something about your tolerance levels of other people's behaviour, of change or of your self-discipline?
- How has your family reacted to life in lockdown? How have their lives changed? Have you learned anything about them that you didn't know before?
- How have your friends reacted to life in lockdown? Have your relationships changed? What have you talked about or shared?
- What do you think you'll remember most about this moment in history?

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Paragraph plan

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**A day in the life of ..... during lockdown**

How do you spend your days in lockdown? Do you have any routines? Think about how you're spending your time, perhaps focusing on a day you felt happy, and want to remember forever.

Fill in the boxes with notes about how you spent your chosen day in lockdown, before writing this up as a diary entry.

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**Your diary entry**

Remind yourself of the conventions of diary writing, and then have a go at writing out your diary entry. Tick off the rules of diary writing, below, to make sure your writing is in the correct form:

<b>Have I ...</b>	written in first person?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	written informally?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	used emotive language?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	written in the past tense?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	written chronologically?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	varied my use of time conjunctions and adverbials?	<input type="checkbox"/>