

## Intermediate ESL Writing: Dialog journals

Please write your name on the cover of your dialog journal. This journal is yours to keep. You must write in your dialog journals **at least three days a week**. You must write the date at the top of each entry. Each entry must be **at least 6 sentences**.

You will turn in your journal **every Monday**. If you are absent on Monday, you must turn it in on Wednesday. Your teacher will write a response to your journal entries. Your teacher will only correct four mistakes. This assignment is to get you to write your ideas, thoughts, and feelings. This assignment is to get you to express yourself in English. It is not to get perfect grammar or spelling.

You can write on any topic that is interesting. You can tell me about your day, your weekend, your plans for the future, etc. You can use one of these ideas or your own:

Finish these sentences and write at least five more.

- *I had a great day because...*
- *I had a terrible day because ...*
- *At school today I learned...*
- *My favorite holiday is...*
- *I like \_\_\_ because \_\_\_...*
- *I don't like \_\_\_ because \_\_\_...*
- *In the future I want...*
- *In my country...*

Follow these directions.

- *Describe your favorite book, movie, or song.*
- *Describe something interesting about American culture.*
- *Describe something that makes you **proud**.*
- *Describe an interesting neighbor you have.*
- *Describe something you could never **give away**.*
- *Describe a place you will never forget.*
- *Describe a celebration that you remember.*
- *Describe a place you go for fun or exercise.*
- *Describe your **childhood home**.*
- *Describe someone you **respect**.*
- *Tell about a time when you **lost** something.*
- *Tell about one of your **fondest** childhood memories.*
- *What is your opinion about women in the military?*
- *What is your opinion about **violence** on television?*
- *Tell about a time when you were treated **unfairly**.*
- *Tell about something you made.*
- *Tell what to do in a tornado, fire, or earthquake.*