

Although two people may have experienced the same event, they are likely to have differing opinions or remember different parts about it. Below are two diary entries written about the same event, (journey from Africa to the Americas), but from two different viewpoints.

I almost missed my chance to sail across the Atlantic in a yacht. Imagine that! Stranded at the tip of Africa and unable to complete my round the world ride. Captain Horrock's last word to me had been, "Don't miss the boat; we leave at high tide and can't wait!" He sent me off to buy some bananas but some old dear in front of me, decided to take an eon to sort out her money and buy what she needed in time. Nevertheless, I made it back in time – just!

Leaving Africa and watching Cape Town grow smaller and smaller was exhilarating – 4000 miles now lay ahead of me and the Americas.

I can't say that it was all plain sailing (if you pardon the pun). It took a while to find my sea legs. Sea sickness is awful! On the first day I spent most of my time with my head over the side of the boat, heaving into the waves. I just couldn't get my head around where all of the sick was coming from. Captain Horrock's laughter rang in my ears. Day two was better. I even managed to eat a humongous breakfast, and after that I never looked back.

It took weeks to cross the Atlantic but I relished every moment and threw myself into helping on board in every way that I could. After weeks, it was exciting to see the first sight of land and a new continent- South America!

There's nothing like being out on the high seas with the salty air and wisp of adventure. No two crossings are ever the same and there's always a different adventure to be had. This time on our trip across the Atlantic, we had a new crew member – young Tom- who was adamant that he'd be biking the world. I took an instant liking to the lad. Reminded me a bit of myself at that age. But bless my barnacles, I sent him off to buy some bananas for the voyage and he cut it fine to get back on board!

Shiver my seaweed, I hope that this doesn't sound rotten, but the young tyke gave me a right good, old laugh on the first day. I'd never seen someone look so funny coloured- he was as green looking as a Brussel sprout! Bless the lad, he was adamant that he'd be as helpful as he could on board, but I don't think he'll make a sailor. He's definitely a land lubber. Saying that, I did have a tear in my eye as we landed and he cycled off! I gave him my address and told him that when he achieves his aim, to write and let me know all about it. I'm sure that he'll have a tale to tell!

	Tom's Entry	Captain Horrocks' Entry
Events written about		
Emotions		
Differences of opinions		
Focus		

Read the diary entry below, written by the old lady at the start of the book.

Using pages 9-13, reread Tom's account of this and write his diary entry about the same event, but from his point of view. Consider how he will describe the event and the feelings he has towards these.

Dear diary

I've had a lovely, relaxing day. I woke up to blue sky, a fresh breeze and even though my bones sometimes ache, I seemed to leap out of bed.

I had nothing much to do today, except a little shopping, so after taking my time over a leisurely breakfast of fresh fruit and coffee, I popped down to the market.

That took me a while! The glorious weather had brought everyone out and I was able to stand and have a good old chat to lots of people I knew. Mrs Tandy, my neighbour, has some wonderful news- she is going to be a grandmother again; Mr Nandela from Peach Street is off on holiday to Bermuda.

I had a wonderful time perusing the stalls at the market – there's so much wonderful produce at this time of year. I had a final stop at the supermarket and it was heaving. I'd only popped in for one thing but there was a big queue, and can you believe it, when it was my turn to pay, I went for my purse and thought I'd lost it. Jenny, who works on the checkout, is lovely. She's so kind and patient. I handed her my bag and she found it lurking underneath all of the things I have stuffed in there. I must give it a good clear-out tomorrow. Then guess what! I went into my purse and there were no coins! I had a rummage and discovered that there was a little hole where the coins had slipped into. "Phew!" I thought. I wouldn't have liked to have gone home empty handed.

I'm now sitting in my garden, under the shade of the large tree that my late husband planted and I'm watching the sea, whilst dinner cooks. Life doesn't get much better than this!



TBWBW Part Two: Riding the Americas 2a

Single-clause sentences:

- contain one complete idea (single, independent clause)

Multi-clause sentences:

- contain several clauses (multiclause) joined by subordination or co-ordination (sometimes both)

Bird life is often abundant in Patagonia with the southern caracara a famous character of the landscape.

Whale watching is a popular tourist attraction there.

Patagonia is sparsely populated.

The overall climate of Patagonia is cool and dry although the east coast is considerably warmer than the west.

Below is a passage, written in role as Tom, about his highs and lows in Patagonia. The passage uses single-clause sentences only. Can you improve it to include multi-clause sentences? Remember – you will not have to change every sentence.

Best Bits of Patagonia

Patagonia is amazing! It is the most beautiful place I have seen. It is wild. Everything seems so unfamiliar. This is thrilling to me. The rivers are a turquoise colour. I've seen dozens of thundering waterfalls. There are beautiful meadows just like England.

Low Points of Patagonia

It can get lonely here. Sometimes I'll only see a farmhouse once every other day. Sometimes I like the silence. Sometimes I don't. The roads don't have safety barriers. You'd fall off a massive cliff! Lots of roads are simple, stony tracks. Sometimes you have to push your bike through icy waters.

Challenge: Can you think of anything else that Tom might say about Patagonia? Add to your writing. Try and write a multi-clause sentence beginning with a subordinate clause.

Event	Tom's Reaction	Mum's Reaction

A village somewhere in the middle of Colombia
29th September

Dear Mum

I 'm taking a short break, somewhere in the wilds of Colombia to fill you in about my exciting time in South America so far. I can't believe that I'll be leaving this wonderful continent behind me soon and entering Central America!

One thing that I couldn't wait to tell you about is the magnificent Nazca lines. I'm sure that you know a bit about them already, but I didn't know that they even existed! It blows my mind that they were created over 1500 years ago and still exist today. All because it hardly ever rains in that part of Peru. I'm really hoping that you'll be able to tell me (it's times like this I miss Google) why you think that the Incas made them if they had no aeroplanes and they can only be seen from the air!

You'll be very pleased to hear that I am not solely living on banana sandwiches. I know you like me to get plenty of protein and I wanted to reassure you that I certainly am getting that in South America. There's no real choice in the cafes that you stay at by the side of the road- you simply have to eat what has been prepared that day. Chicken soup is a habitual favourite here but there's always a lovely surprise waiting in the bottom of the bowl. Can you guess what it is? Yes, that's right. A chicken's foot. Yum! Please don't tell Lucy this next bit. If you do, when I get home, she might never let me near Mr. Squiggles again. Yesterday I ate barbequed guinea pig. Although I felt a little guilty, I have to admit mum, that it tasted amazing.

Anyway mum, I've probably been sitting around too long and need to crack on. Give my love to dad and Lucy, and whatever you do, don't tell her that I ate Mr. Squiggles' brother.

Love you lots. See you in a couple of years.

Tom x

What can you see in
the jungle?

What can you hear in
the jungle?

What happens in the
jungle?

Fronted Adverbials

A fronted adverbial appears at the start of a sentence.
It describes the verb in the sentence (a little like an adverb).
It can describe when, where, how.

When

When the rains falls,
Each morning at
daybreak,
Before the moon
rises,
Once in a while,

How

Carefully...
Swinging...
Cautiously...
Without thinking...

Where

In the jungle...
Outside of Tikal...
On the branch of a
tree...
At the foot of the
vine...
Beside the cascading
river...

Below are some examples of sentences containing fronted adverbials.
What do you notice about them? What rules can you see?

When rain falls, take cover beneath the giant leaves of the banana tree.

In the forest, an array of noises can be heard.

Carefully, tread through the jungle floor.

On the branch of a tree, an angry looking parrot squawks.

Beside the cascading river, it is hard to be heard over the thundering waters.

What would happen if you swapped the order of the sentences around?

It is hard to be heard over the thundering waters **beside the cascading river**.

Tread through the jungle floor **carefully**.

Using a thesaurus

Read the description of the woods below. The red words can be improved. Use a thesaurus to find better synonyms for these.

In the jungle, the foliage is **thick** and dense and impassable unless a machete is used to hack at the undergrowth. Once the sun rises to its full height in the sky, and the temperatures exceed 100 degrees Celsius, animals **snooze** and lounge.

A thunderous river cascades its way through the jungle. As the sun begins to **set** in the sky above, the jungle becomes alive with a cacophony of noise. Garish coloured birds call from the **dark**, humid forest; howler monkeys shriek from their perches; even the coughing call of the jaguar pierces the humid air.

A long, **deserted** pyramid of the Mayans stands in the middle of the jungle. It is bewildering to stand on top of it and see nothing but jungle in every direction possible. Stretching for as far as the eye can see, miles and miles of nothing but jungle.



Flavoursome Fingerlicking Frankfurter

The Fingerlicking Frankfurter hits all those spots that other hotdogs just can't reach!

A 100% pork sausage is encased in a soft, scrumptious bun, generously doused with the finest American mustard and piquant ketchup and finished with a sprinkling of jalapeno peppers.

You've never tried a hotdog until you've tasted a Fingerlicking Frankfurter one!

Triple Stacker Burger

Introducing the new Triple Stacker Burger, new from Bob's Beefy Burgers.

Imagine delectable Highland beef, shaped by hand into thick juicy burger patties. Imagine Mediterranean sun soaked tomatoes, generously sliced and salted. Imagine unctuous, oozy cheese and burger sauce made from a one hundred year old family recipe. Imagine all of this sandwiched between a freshly baked, seeded bun. Imagine no more!

What are you waiting for? Available now for only 99 cents in your local Bob's Beefy Burger Shack.



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Large rectangular box containing ten horizontal lines for writing.

Word Bank

mouth-watering appetising delectable succulent

piquant scrumptious probably the best ever

leave you wanting more

Machu Picchu: Trekking the Inca Trail



Rising majestically from the cloud forests below, the once lost Inca city of Machu Picchu is a once in a lifetime destination for the intrepid traveller.

The Five Star Travel Company are proud to offer a trip to this fabled city, combining history and jaw dropping scenery. Trek for four days through cloud forest, over remote mountain passes and through grassland. Gaze at roaring rivers, and admire remote Inca temples and settlements that line the route. Camp beneath the stars in unpolluted night skies. Worried about carrying your belongings? Fear not! Porters are on hand to carry your luggage for you. Reach the six hundred year old Machu Picchu at early morning in time to see the sun rise above this magnificent ruin only rediscovered in 1911. A truly awe inspiring adventure.

With our fifty years of experience in the tourist trade, specialising in holidays to South America, let us take care of your every whim from the moment that you step off the plane.

Highlights:

- Spend time in the historic Inca capital of Cuzco and marvel at the stunning architecture
- Trek to Machu Picchu and enter via the Sun Gate
- Before the crowds arrive, participate in a guided tour of this wonder of South America.

Price Includes:

- Return flights
- Two nights luxury stay at the 5 star Astoria Hotel, Cuzco
- Guided four day trek with porters to carry luggage and camping equipment included.
- Guided tour of Machu Picchu by a local historian.

Testimonial:

"I am an experienced traveller and hand on heart, I can say that the Five Star Travel Company beat any other tour operator hands down. What an adventure we had. I cannot recommend this holiday highly enough!" Mr C Warnaby, Tynemouth

Persuasive Devices Checklist

Feature	Example
Catchy opening	Consider using a question
Persuasive words and phrases	'once in a lifetime' 'awe-inspiring'
Use of alliteration	a group of words together that begin with the same letter
Use of repetition	this could be a single word, phrase or an idea.
Use of exaggeration (hyperbole)	Possibly the best in the world/ Hurry, only one left in the world!
Opinions, facts and statistics – often by experts	99% of people agree/ use of testimonials
Rhetorical questions	these are types of questions that don't need answers
Use of imperative verbs	buy now, pay later/ get it while you can

The Grand Canyon:



Over a mile deep and ten miles wide, the Grand Canyon is a natural wonder. Explore by foot, bike or even helicopter.

With flights leaving everyday from many UK airports, reaching the Grand Canyon has never been easier.

The Five Star Travel Company have been travelling to destinations in America for over fifty years. The price of your holiday includes a seven night stay at the Tap Duncan Ranch, five star accommodation with views over the Canyon. Genuine pine cabins are available on a full board basis. Good old fashioned ranch style food is served on the on site restaurant.

Travel to the Grand Canyon on horseback or if you'd rather, on a wagon ride, alongside wandering buffalo. If luxury is your thing, then there is the option of travelling by helicopter and getting a birds eye view of the Canyon.

Highlights:

- Camp out beneath the stars
- See the Grand Canyon up close and with a guide on hand to answer any questions.

Price Includes:

Testimonial:

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Information about California

Redwoods

Giant redwood trees are most commonly found in Northern California and are thought to be the largest trees in the world, growing to around 80 metres tall and 17 metres across. Staggeringly, they can live for 2000 years and can weigh as much as 2000 tonnes. Did you know that one redwood is so huge, a hole has been cut through the trunk and a car can be driven through.

Amazingly, these trees have adapted to survive forest fires which are common in this area of the world. Their bark has developed to become thick and fire resistant.

Death Valley

Death Valley is located in California and is part of the Mojave Desert. It is the hottest, driest and also the lowest place in North America and was given its name in 1849 when settlers tried to travel across it during the Gold Rush; many died because of the harsh conditions here. The rivers in this valley do not flow into the sea. Death Valley has many unusual features including colourful rocks, salt flats (created thousands of years ago when Death Valley was underwater) and sand dunes. The 'Badwater Basin' is the lowest place in North America. One amazing sight to see in Death Valley is the 'travelling rocks'. Because of the wind and rain, and the smooth clay surface, rocks and stones appear to travel of their own accord. Death Valley is one of the hottest places on the planet. Did you know it is possible to fry an egg here without a cooker?

Hollywood

Hollywood, also known by the nickname of Tinseltown, is in Los Angeles and is the heart of the film industry with studios such as 'Universal' based here. There are many sights to see including the famous white Hollywood sign in the hills and the Hollywood Walk of Fame where famous celebrities have their very own star. It's also not uncommon to spot a famous film star or two. This is the place to be if you are a fan of TV and film, as a visit to movie set or becoming an audience member in a TV show is all possible.

San Francisco

San Francisco is a stunning city with steep streets, trams and pretty, pastel painted buildings. There are many famous landmarks to be found here including the Golden Gate Bridge, The Walt Disney Museum, the Zoo and Aquarium and the Japanese Tea Garden. Less than two miles from shore, off San Francisco, lies the infamous Alcatraz which was used as an island prison, housing the likes of the gangster Al Capone. Although no longer a prison, tourists flock to the island to experience what life was like here.

Success Criteria: Persuasive Brochure

	What I think	What my partner thinks
Catchy opening/introduction		
Persuasive words and phrases		
Use of alliteration and repetition		
Rhetorical questions		
Use of exaggeration (hyperbole)		
Challenges		
Opinions/facts/testimonials		
Use of single-clause and multi-clause sentences		

Information about California

Redwoods

- giant redwoods grow 80m tall, 17m across
- live up to 2000 years
- weigh 2000 tonnes
- adapted to survive fires – thick/fire resistant bark
- hole cut in trunk- drive car through

Death Valley

- part of Mojave Desert
- hottest/driest/lowest place in USA
- name given as many settlers died whilst crossing in Gold Rush
- strange features: sand dunes, salt flats, colourful rocks. travelling stones – appear to move. Just rain/wind.
- so hot, can fry egg on earth

Hollywood

- Tinseltown – nickname
- movie studios – Universal here
- landmarks – Hollywood Sign, Hollywood Walk of Fame
- visit movie studios, sit in audience of TV programme.

San Francisco

- beautiful city: steep streets, trams, great architecture.
- landmarks: Golden Gate Bridge, Walt Disney Museum, Zoo, Aquarium, Japanese Tea Garden
- Alcatraz- island off the city. Famous prison- tourist flock here. Al Capone held here (gangster)

CALIFORNIA: A TRIP OF A LIFETIME



From gigantic redwoods to golden sands and exciting cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco, California is the ultimate holiday destination for you.

The USA Travel Company has been taking travellers to California for over thirty years and we are experts in this area of the world. California is the third largest state in the USA meaning there is plenty to see and makes it the perfect holiday destination for all ages.

Visit the infamous Death Valley in the Mojave Desert to see the amazing travelling rocks. Experience the excitement of Hollywood. Who knows, you may even spot a film star or two! Wanting something more relaxing, shade beneath the towering redwoods and marvel at their enormous size.

From the moment that you step off the plane in LA airport, let us take care of your every need so that you can relax and fully enjoy the holiday of a lifetime.

Highlights of the trip include:

- a tram ride in San Francisco
- A guided tour of the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- For a small additional cost, fly over Death Valley in a helicopter.

Testimonials

"I have travelled to the USA on many occasions but this was the ultimate trip! Thank you so much USA Travel Company for making this a holiday of a lifetime!" Mrs. H. Scott, Durham

You are going to read **Resource 10a** and evaluate how persuasive it is. Remember, the purpose of this piece of writing is to persuade people to visit California. Does it appeal to you?

Use the prompts below to help you to evaluate and edit this piece of writing.

- Look at the opening paragraph. Is it exciting enough? What would help the reader want to find out more? Better vocabulary? A rhetorical question?
- Does the second paragraph open in the most exciting way? Would details about the travel company be better elsewhere in the brochure?
- Is enough information given about some of the places that you can visit in California?
- Could 'Highlights' be improved with the addition of stronger adjectives?
- Overall, has hyperbole been used effectively?
- Has alliteration and the use of repetition been used?
- Is there enough variation of sentence types? What about the use of fronted adverbials?