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# Summer Booklet

9th grade  
Advanced Level





# Your Summer Vacation Project: My Holiday Diary

Hello everyone! This summer, you are going to practice your English by creating a digital diary. You will document your holidays using **writing** and **video**, and put everything into a Google Slides presentation.

**This project will be part of your English grade for the next semester, so make sure to do your best!**



## Project Checklist

To get a great grade, your presentation must include:

- **1 Title Slide** with your name and class.
- **3 Written Diary Entries** (80–100 words each).
- **3 Short Videos** (about 1 minute each).



## What Can You Share?

You don't need to travel to an exotic country to make an interesting entry! You can write and talk about:

- A visit to an interesting place (a museum, a park, the beach, a different city).
- One of your favourite hobbies (playing a sport, baking, gaming, drawing).
- Just a really good, fun day spent with your friends or family.



## Step-by-Step Instructions

### Step 1: Create Your Google Slides

1. Open Google Slides and start a **New Presentation**.
2. **Title Slide:** Write the project title ("My Summer Diary"), **your full name**, and your class.
3. Choose a nice summer theme or colours to make it look beautiful!

### Step 2: Write Your 3 Diary Entries

You need to write three different entries on three separate slides.

- **Length:** Each entry must be between **80 and 100 words**.
- **What to include:**
  - The date of the entry.
  - Where you were and who you were with.
  - What you did and why it was fun or interesting.
- **Grammar Tip:** Use the **Past Simple** tense to talk about what happened (e.g., "Yesterday, I went...", "We played...", "It was amazing!").

### Step 3: Record Your 3 Videos

- **Length:** About **1 minute** per video.
- **What to do:** Show us what you are doing, or stand in front of the camera and tell us about your day. Speak clearly in English!
- **How to add it to Google Slides:**
  1. Upload your video to your **Google Drive**
  2. In Google Slides, click **Insert > Video** and select your file.
  3. Place the video right next to your written diary entry.



#### Example of a Diary Entry (90 words)

**July 15th**

Today was a fantastic day! In the afternoon, I went to the beach with my cousins. The weather was very hot and sunny, so the water felt amazing. We swam for two hours and then we built a giant sandcastle. Later, my uncle bought us big chocolate ice creams. I love summer because I can spend time outside with my family. Tomorrow, we are going to ride our bicycles in the park. I hope it doesn't rain!



#### How Will You Be Graded?

| Task                      | What the Teacher Looks For                                           |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Writing                   | Are your entries 80–100 words? Did you use the correct past tense?   |
| Speaking                  | Is your video 1 minute long? Do you speak clearly and confidently?   |
| Creativity & Organization | Is your Google Slides presentation neat, complete, and easy to read? |



#### Turning in Your Work

When you come back to school in September, you will **share the link** to your Google Slides presentation with your teacher.

Have a wonderful summer vacation, have fun, and we can't wait to see your projects!

## PART 2: Reading Comprehension

### MY COUSIN RICHARD

Think Ahead

**A** In your opinion, which of these people are "cool"?



**B** Who would you add to your list? Explain.

# My Cousin Richard

by Sue Kendall

## About the Author

Sue Kendall was born in 1947 and grew up in Winnipeg, Canada. She is an English teacher and has written about 25 books for students. Kendall wrote "My Cousin Richard" after a friend's son was hurt in a motorcycle accident.

## Time to Read

### What does David like about his cousin Richard?

**M**y cousin Richard is quite a few years older than I am. I love him like a brother. All I ever wanted in life was to be like him.

Richard's father, my uncle, died in a car accident a few years ago. Richard, his sister Anna, and their mother, my Aunt Ruth, come over to our house a lot.

5 Aunt Ruth and my mom are sisters. They love to sit around talking about their childhood. They had lots of brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins. They laugh a lot when they tell stories about those days. But most of our relatives live far away now. Our family is small – just me and my parents and my baby sister, Amy.

10 But, I *do* have my wonderful cousin, Richard. He always tells me exciting stories about things he used to do with his friend, Mark. They were always getting into trouble together. Sometimes they stole apples from Mr. Carter's tree. Sometimes they skipped<sup>1</sup> school and played video games at the mall all day. Once they even rode their bicycles all the way to the sea. They had a  
15 great time speeding along the beach and scaring the girls on the sand.

But Richard isn't a kid anymore. Now he works at the supermarket after school. He bought a motorcycle with the money he saved. On Saturdays he comes over to our house on his motorcycle and spends all day cleaning it and fixing it up.

20 Richard loves riding that bike\*. "It's like flying. You feel the wind in your face. The whole world rushes by you. There's nothing like it!" he told me.

<sup>1</sup>skipped – هربا, تملصا / הכריזו

\*bike = motorcycle

"But it's so dangerous," I said. "Aren't you afraid something will happen? You drive so fast."

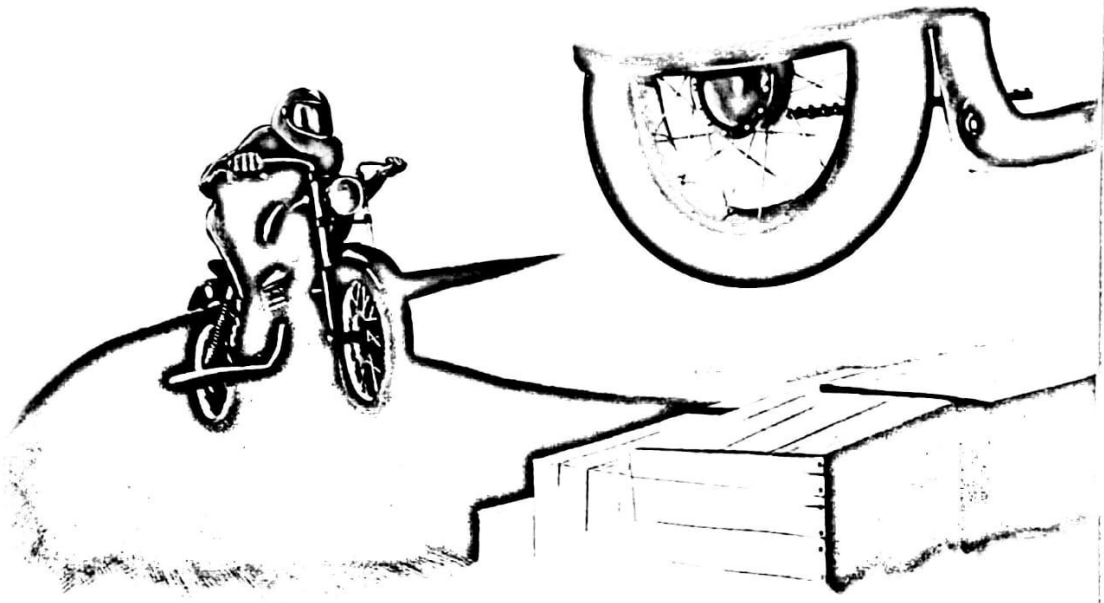
"Oh, David, you sound just like my mom. I can look after myself<sup>2</sup>. My dad  
25 was the only one who understood me. I wish he could see me on this great bike. He would be so proud!"

That's weird, I thought to myself. Richard's dad was killed in an accident because he was driving too fast. My mom told me Uncle Peter was driving so fast that he didn't have a chance. She always said that Richard was just like  
30 his dad – crazy about speed.

Here's a story to tell you what Richard is like.

One morning Richard calls me and says, "I'm going to race my bike in the park. You wanna' come, kid?" I never miss a chance to be with Richard, so I agree.

35 I get to the park and there are about twenty boys Richard's age, all with huge motorcycles. The bikes look like monsters to me. The boys ride on a dirt road, going around and around. They put a row of large wooden boxes in the road and jump their bikes over the boxes.



<sup>2</sup>look after myself – אֶעֱטֵי בְּנִפְסִי / לדאוג לעצמי

\*You wanna = Do you want to

“Every time we go around,” Richard explains to me, “we put more boxes on  
40 top of the first ones. It’s so cool. In the end, only one of us is left. He’s the  
winner.”

I don’t think it’s so cool, but say nothing. I want to be with Richard. I want  
him to like me.

“One, two, three, GO!” someone shouts, and they begin. The first time around  
45 two bikers fall off their bikes. They get up, grinning<sup>3</sup>. Their friends laugh and  
run to help them.

The second time around more guys fall off. Richard still jumps over the boxes  
easily. He’s having a great time. I’m very worried and I don’t want to watch  
anymore.

50 The third time around, one of the bikers gets scared right before the jump. He  
turns his bike off the road, brakes and almost hits a tree. He gets off his bike,  
smiling.

By the fourth time, I can’t look anymore. My eyes are closed most of the time.  
Richard and a few other guys are still in the race. The boxes are really high  
55 now. They have to go around faster if they want to go over the boxes. The first  
guy jumps and just gets over the boxes. Then come Mark and Richard, right  
behind him. Mark goes up into the air. Richard is close behind him. Too close!  
It seems they are in the air forever. Then ‘BANG!’ Mark crashes into the  
boxes. Richard can’t stop. He goes flying after Mark and lands on top of him.

60 No one moves. I look on in shock. I can’t do anything but stare<sup>4</sup>. Soon an  
ambulance comes and takes Mark and Richard to the hospital.

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In the end, Richard and Mark were lucky. They only had a few broken bones.  
They couldn’t go to school for six weeks. *That* didn’t bother<sup>5</sup> them. What  
bothered them was that their bikes were destroyed.

65 But Richard is already talking about the terrific car he’s going to buy next year  
when he can drive. I feel sick when I think about Richard in a car.

Like I said, I love my cousin Richard like a brother. But since that day in the  
park I know that I don’t want to be like him anymore. I like myself too much.

<sup>3</sup>grinning – מחייכים / يتسман

<sup>5</sup>bother – أزعج / הפריע

<sup>4</sup>stare – أحقق النظر / לנעוץ מבט

### What do you think?

Who do you admire in the story? Explain.

## Did You Understand?

**A** Complete the sentences with the correct names.

Richard   ☐   David   ☐   Mark

1. .... loves Richard like a brother.
2. .... and .... always did crazy things together.
3. .... was just like his dad.
4. .... and .... stole apples.
5. .... is going to get a really cool car next year.

**B** Why did David go to the park?

.....

**C** Write T (True) or F (False).

- ☐ 1. Richard liked to take care of his motorcycle.
- ☐ 2. In the race Richard hit a tree.
- ☐ 3. Richard was upset about missing six weeks of school.
- ☐ 4. Richard was upset that his motorcycle was destroyed.

**D** Three people in the story had accidents. Who are they? What happened to them?

| WHO | WHAT HAPPENED |
|-----|---------------|
| 1.  |               |
| 2.  |               |
| 3.  |               |

## Think About It

**A About Characterization** Characterization is the way the author shows us what a character is like. We can learn about the characters from what they do.

- 1 What did Richard do to make these things happen? Complete the chart.

| WHAT RICHARD DID                              | WHAT HAPPENED           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. He <i>stole</i> apples and skipped school. | He got into trouble.    |
| 2.                                            | He bought a motorcycle. |
| 3.                                            | He was badly hurt.      |

- 2 What do these actions tell us about Richard?

**B** Why do you think Richard invited David to watch the race in the park?

**C About Conflict** The conflict is a difficult situation in which a character has two opposite feelings about something.

- 1 What is David's conflict?

- 2 What does he decide at the end of the story?

**D About the Narrator** The narrator is the person who tells the story. In some stories, the narrator is one of the characters in the story.

- 1 Who is the narrator in this story?
- 2 What do we know about the narrator from the story?
- 3 Why do you think the author chose this person as the narrator?

**E** Imagine Richard tells a friend about the race. What do you think he says? Write one sentence.

## Over to You

### Expressions from the Story

love him like a brother ■ had a great time  
There's nothing like it ■ feel sick ■ sound just like

**A** Read the dialogues and add an expression from above.

1. **Oren:** Are you worried about the test next week?  
**Arik:** Yes, I'm so worried, I .....
2. **Stav:** Are you close to your cousin Lior?  
**Ronnie:** Yes, I am. I .....
3. **Mom:** Did you enjoy the party last night?  
**Sharon:** It was terrific. We .....!
4. **Yarden:** Slow down! You're driving too fast.  
**Shai:** You ..... my dad.
5. **Gal:** Do you always put so much chocolate on your ice cream?  
**Adi:** Of course. ....!

## Word Focus – Adjectives

### Words from the Story

afraid  
lucky  
proud  
scared  
terrific  
worried

### Extra Words

helpless  
pleased  
shy  
surprised  
upset

- B** 1 How do you think the people in the pictures feel? Write words from above.

1 Ben



afraid

2

Linda



- 2 What events do you think happened to make them feel that way? Write sentences about each person.

*Ben felt afraid because he saw a snake.*

- C** Write about something that happened to you. Use the words above to describe how you felt.