



WORKSHEET 4

Reading Diary

Aims and objectives: Development of skills for effective reading; increasing interest and motivation.

Activity 1

How to prepare the Diary

Age Group: 7-11 years old

Rules: You can do this activity in the class, or to ask children to do it individually at home, or with help of parents and older siblings. Instructions to be given:

1. On the first page of the Diary write: “My Reading Diary”
2. Draw a reading-related picture, or use stickers.
3. Find and write a sentence about reading or books, you like. (e.g. “Books are like windows to the world.”). If you know the author of the sentence, add his/her name.
4. On the top of the next page write: “Books I have read”. Organise the page as a table with three columns: Number; Title of the Book and author; Rating (here you will show how much did you like the book).

Materials required: Children can buy a Diary from a book store, but it is much more interesting to prepare one by themselves. For this they will need a 40-60 sheets notebook, a pen, some colour pencils or crayons, stickers...

A Sample:



Activity 2

Read a book and fill the Diary / Individual Activity /

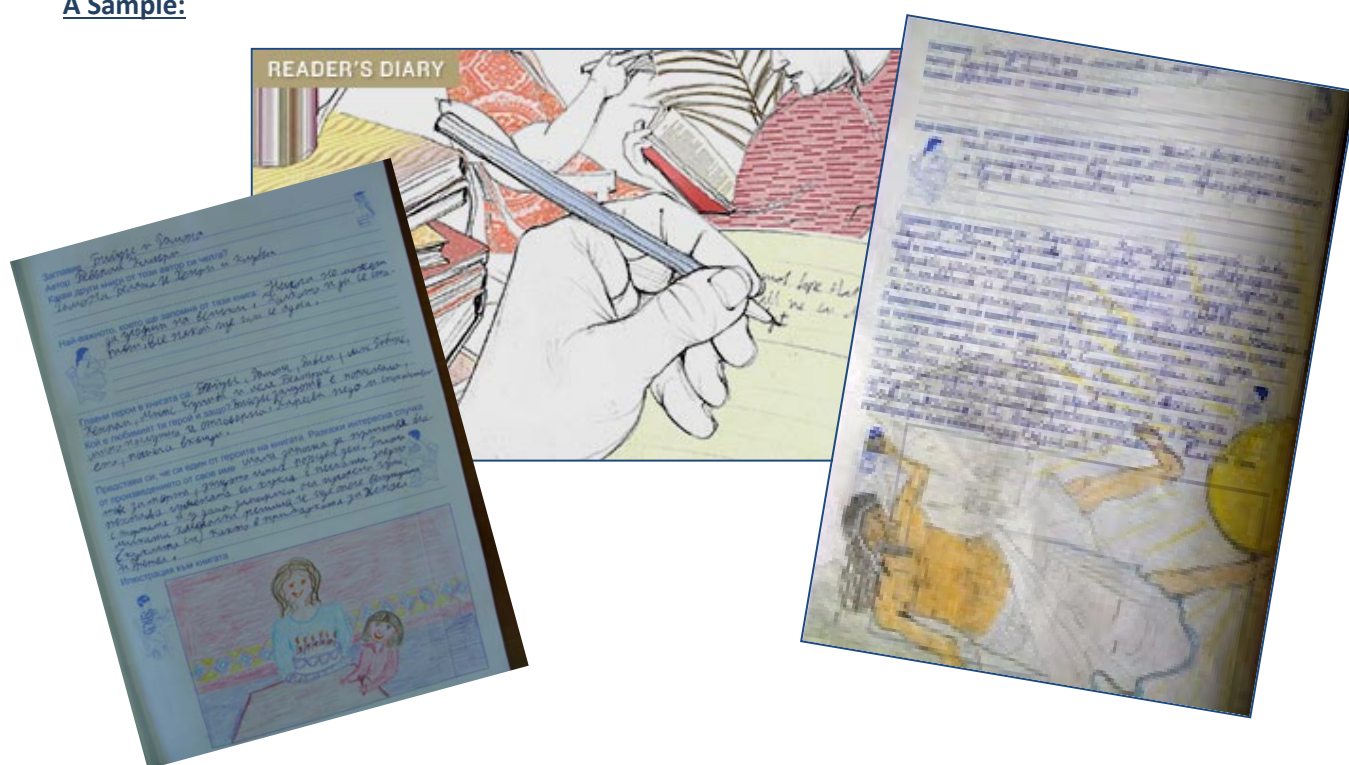
Age Group: 7-11 years old

Rules:

1. Go to the library, or to a book store. Take time to look at different books, read their titles, look at the illustrations and find a book that you think would be interesting to read.
2. Spend some time to read every day.
3. Take notes about the main characters, main events in the story, re-write some sentences that you especially like.
4. After you finish the book, fill the Diary:
 - a. Write the title of the book and author’s name on the first page (in the List of the books you have already read), and colour some stars in the last column to show how much you like the book.
 - b. Then fill the pages dedicated to the book: brief info about the author – name, nationality, what other books he/she has written; info about the main characters, which characters you like and which you don’t like; what is the book about; which are your favourite moments in the book; write some of your favourite sentences from the book.
 - c. At the end make some drawings to illustrate the book.

Materials required: A book, the Diary.

A Sample:



Activity 3

Share /Group Activity/

Age Group: 7-11 years old

Rules:

Ask the children to bring their Reading Diaries to school. You can organize a special event, and to invite parents, children’s books authors, or some well-known in the community people (librarians, actors, artists, or even politicians).

Along with the Diaries, children and guests could bring their favourite book, too.

Organise in the class two shelves: My Reading Diary shelf, and My Favourite Books shelf, and dispose what children and guests have brought respectively. Maybe some of parents or the guests has saved their old reading diaries from the time they were students – it would be very interesting for the children to see them as well.

Well before the event ask every child to prepare a short presentation (oral one is ok) about the favorite book they have read, and to show the others how he/she has designed his/her Diary.

You may also put a List on the board, where children and guests could write the titles of the books they would recommend others to read.

Some useful links:

Как да си направим Читателски дневник - <http://www.slideboom.com/presentations/352514>

Готови читателски дневници - <https://www.book.store.bg/c/p-l/c-2224/chitatelski-dnevnici.html>