

My first day at Secondary School



You are going to write about your first day at secondary school. Use the boxes below to plan your account. Begin a new paragraph for each section of the day but do not include headings.

If you have looked at poems and extracts about other people's first day at school that you enjoyed think about what made them interesting to read – did they use humour or suspense?

Try to make your writing as interesting as possible!

The Night Before

How did you feel the night before your first day? What were your hopes and worries? What did you know about the school before coming here? Had you visited it before? Had you heard any rumours about the school and what would happen to you here?



Getting Ready

What time did you wake up? Did you have to get up earlier than usual? What did you think and feel when you first woke up? How did you feel while you were getting ready? Did you have butterflies or did it just feel like any other day? How did the rest of your family treat you?

Getting to School

How did you first get to school? Did you walk, catch a bus or were you driven? Did you come with friends or family? What did you talk about on your way and how did you feel?



Arrival

What were your first impressions of the school and the other students? What did you do when you got there? Did you talk to anyone? Did you feel lonely?

The Day Itself (you will need more than one paragraph for this section)

What did you do? Who did you meet? What were your first impressions of your teachers and the other students in your class? Was there a lot of information to take in? What did you do at break and lunchtime? What did you notice about the differences between the school and your primary school? Were your expectations and worries justified? Were there any misunderstandings or confusions during the day?



The End of the Day

How did you feel at the end of the day? Did you go straight home? Were you tired or did you find it hard to relax? Did you enjoy the day or not? How did you feel about going back the next day?

Looking Back

How do you feel about your first day at school now you are looking back at it? What do you think you will remember most about the day?

