Summer 2 – Week 5 Day 3

Evaluating

No need to print – answer in your book or on paper.

The answers are provided so please check your learning to help you improve.

If you have any questions about your learning please email:

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Remember to also do Bug Club everyday!

## Author:

Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipovic
This diary is written by Zlata in 1991, at a time when war is drawing closer to her home in Sarajevo.

## Context / Knowledge

When she starts her diary, she tells of her normal, happy life with her family and friends. But soon they are fighting to survive. Zlata's personal account is a vivid portrait of an innocent child, aged 11, caught up in a terrible war.

## Our reading strategy is Evaluating

### What is evaluating?

*To: Comment on the **quality** of what you read*
*Say: **How** the **author/text** made **you think** or **feel***

### Why do we evaluate?

- ✓ *To deepen our understanding of texts and what the author wants us to or feel.*
- ✓ *To help us to understand more*
- ✓ *Use these ideas in our writing*

### What makes good evaluations?

- ✓ *Look for techniques the writer has used: layout, language, sentences structure*
- ✓ *Say why they may have done this*

***Discuss and Explain***
It could be but …
What evidence do you have to back up that point?

# Our Learning Behaviours

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If possible, ask someone at home to be your learning partner:
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