

溪边日记四个常见错误：附改正示范

错误一：格式缺项。病句示范：7月18日 星期六，正文直接开始。少了天气，也少了日期和星期之间的空格习惯。改正：7月18日 星期六 晴，三个信息一行写全。有的孩子把天气写在正文第一句，今天天气晴朗，万里无云，也扣分，天气属于第一行，不属于正文。

错误二：记流水账。病句示范：早上八点起床，九点到溪边，十点踩水，十一点捡石子，十二点回家。时间戳一个接一个，像值班记录。改正办法是砍时间词，只留一个：下午，妈妈带我去小溪。其余时间全部藏进事情里，玩到妈妈喊回家，就是玩到了中午，不用报点。

错误三：感受用套话。病句示范：水花溅起来，漂亮极了，我开心得像一只小鸟。这句假设抄自作文选，放在踩水、放风筝、春游都成立。改正：把像什么删掉，写身体感觉，水花打在胳膊上，一片一片的小凉，我冻得缩了一下脖子，又马上去踩第二脚。缩脖子又踩第二脚，开心不用说出来。

错误四：日记写成作文腔。病句示范：暑假的一天，我们来到了风景如画的小溪，这里青山环绕，溪水潺潺，令人心旷神怡。日记是说给自己听的，不是朗诵。改正：把风景如画、心旷神怡全删，换成自己的大白话，水清得能看见脚底下的沙子，一脚踩下去，沙子从脚趾缝里挤出来。三年级孩子说得后半句，说不出前半句，写日记就写他说得出的那句。

四个错误按顺序过一遍，每改一处都在草稿上划掉旧句重写。最后提醒一个加分项：日记末尾可以加一句只有你自己关心的小事，比如那三块石子我藏在了沙发底下，怕妈妈扔。这种小尾巴别人抄不走，是日记最值钱的地方。

Four Common Mistakes in Stream Diaries, with Corrected Examples

Mistake one: missing format items. The sick sentence: July 18, Saturday, then the body starts at once. The weather is gone, along with the spacing habit between date and weekday. The fix: July 18, Saturday, sunny, all three on one line. Some children put the weather as the first sentence of the body, the weather was clear and cloudless today, and that also loses points: weather belongs to the first line, not to the body.

Mistake two: a running account. The sick sentence: up at eight, at the stream by nine, stomping at ten, pebbles at eleven, home at twelve. Timestamps lined up like a duty log. The fix is to cut the time words down to one: in the afternoon, mother took me to the stream. All other time hides inside events, playing until mother called home means playing until noon, no need to announce the hour.

Mistake three: stock phrases for feelings. The sick sentence: the splash rose, it was gorgeous, and I was as happy as a little bird. This line was presumably copied from a model essay book and would fit stomping, kite flying, or a spring outing. The

fix: delete the simile and write body sensation, the spray hit my arms in little cool patches, I flinched and shrank my neck, then immediately stomped a second time. Shrinking the neck and stomping again says happy without saying the word.

Mistake four: diary written in essay voice. The sick sentence: one day in summer vacation, we arrived at the picturesque stream, green hills all around, the brook murmuring, refreshing the soul. A diary is spoken to yourself, not recited. The fix: delete picturesque and refreshing, replace with plain speech, the water was clear enough to see the sand under my feet, and one stomp squeezed sand up between my toes. A third grader can say the second half but not the first, and a diary should contain the half they can say.

Run through the four mistakes in order, crossing out each old sentence on the draft and rewriting it. One bonus reminder: a diary can end with a small detail only you care about, for example, I hid those three pebbles under the sofa because mother might throw them away. That kind of tail cannot be copied by anyone else, and it is the most valuable part of a diary.