

JOURNAL STARTERS FOR MATHEMATICS

To encourage students to write reflective journals:

1. Model journal writing.
2. Provide 'Journal Starters' as below.
3. Provide the guide below and on the attachment 'Thinking About Your Journal Entry'.
4. Pose questions to encourage reflective thinking – many are provided in the Teacher's Notes.
5. Keep a balance between journal writing and easier forms of reflection such as checklists and interviews.
6. Student journal entries should be reviewed as often as possible by teachers and concerns raised responded to.
7. Keep journals in a safe place!

THINKING ABOUT YOUR JOURNAL ENTRY

- 1. Make up a title about the maths you have been learning.**
- 2. Use mathematics words as much as you can.**
- 3. Describe what you did in the lesson.**
- 4. Describe the materials you used.**
- 5. Describe what you learned.**
- 6. Make a note of any further help you think you need.**
- 7. If you worked in a group, make a note about your work in the group and the ideas you shared.**

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- 1. I liked doing this activity because...**
- 2. Some of the new things I have found out are...**
- 3. The group I worked with was...**
- 4. I know I could do better on this if...**
- 5. I am still not sure how to...**
- 6. I am not sure why we are learning about...**
- 7. I would like to know how...**
- 8. I am very good at doing...**
- 9. The things I find most difficult to do in maths are...**
- 10. The things I find easy to do in maths are...**
- 11. I prefer working...**
- 12. Today I learned...**
- 13. The next thing I could learn in maths is...**
- 14. I can help other students to learn about...**
- 15. I could do with more help learning about...**