

# Bridget Jones's Diary

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### The story step by step

- 1 Listen to Chapter 1 on your CD/download. What does Bridget write in her Diary about the people listed below? Match the character to the descriptions below.

Character(s)	What does Bridget say about them?
Una and Geoffrey Alconbury	
Mark Darcy	
Perpetua	
Daniel Cleaver	
Jude	
Shazzer	
Tom	

- a asked me if I got anything nice for Christmas
- b is not only rich, but also very confident
- c are my parents' best friends
- d helps me a lot
- e doesn't have a very high opinion of men
- f was looking at me with a look of horror on his face
- g has just rung up in tears

Check your answers by reading pages 11–17 of your Reader.

2 Listen to Chapter 2 on your CD/download. Put the events in Chapter 2 in the order you hear them on the CD.

- Bridget has lunch with her Dad.
- Perpetua receives flowers.
- Daniel returns from New York.
- Bridget has lunch with her mum.
- Bridget's mother comes back from Portugal.
- Bridget gets a Valentine's card.
- Bridget goes to a dinner party.
- Bridget visits her Mum and Dad.
- Valentine's day

You can check your answers by reading pages 21–27 of your Reader.

3 Listen to Chapter 3 on your CD/download. Correct the mistakes in the sentences below.

- a 'I'm having lunch with a man from the post office today.'
- b At 5.45 I saw Daniel leaving the flat.
- c 'Jones, you wonderful creature.'
- d I wrote down a list of people to invite to my dinner party.
- e 'It is *your* birthday and you must invite only who you want.'
- f My mother burst into my flat, looking very unhappy.
- g I am going to cook apple pie for them all – British Home Cooking.

Check your answers on pages 30–34 of your Reader.

4 Listen to the first four diary entries in Chapter 4 on your CD/download. Underline the structure you hear from the two choices below.

- a Mum **hadn't / hasn't** even told him about the TV presenting job.
- b I **was waving / waved** at him but when he saw me he looked horrified. What **could / should** I do?
- c Next week, my company **is publishing/ will publish** an important new book.
- d I have **read / been reading** a magazine article about how to behave at them.
- e When you **introduce / are introducing people** to each other...
- f **I've got to / must** meet someone.
- g I mean, my company **did /'s done** some work with him.

Check your answers on pages 38–42 of your Reader.

- 5 Listen to Chapter 5 on your CD/download and complete the extracts below. Make sure you use the correct tense of the verb (given in brackets).
- a Daniel ignored me all day on Monday and then at 6 p.m. he said, 'Listen, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in Manchester till the end of the week. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you on Saturday night, OK?'
- b This morning I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the chemist to buy a pregnancy test. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) it back to the office and \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the ladies' toilets. After I \_\_\_\_\_ (use) the test, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a thin blue line appear.
- c Daniel is asleep. Actually I think he \_\_\_\_\_ (pretend) to be asleep.
- d Then he \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) to drive the girls home. When they \_\_\_\_\_ (go), I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) my chocolates and \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about Daniel.
- e I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) forward to the summer. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so lovely having a boyfriend when it is warm.

You can find the answers on pages 46–51 of your Reader.

- 6 Listen to Chapter 6 on your CD/download, and complete the extracts with the word you hear.

**Sunday 4 June**

Daniel has just gone \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a bit fed up, actually. The \_\_\_\_\_ was lovely and hot today, but Daniel did not want to go out or discuss \_\_\_\_\_. He wanted to spend all \_\_\_\_\_ with the curtains shut, watching the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sunday 25 June**

Oh dear. The weather has changed and suddenly it is \_\_\_\_\_ cold. I have brought only \_\_\_\_\_, bikinis and a long summer \_\_\_\_\_ with me. I haven't brought anything for the \_\_\_\_\_ weather.

Check your answers on pages 53 and 55 of your Reader.

- 7 Listen to Chapter 7 on your CD/download. You will hear the words in the box below at the beginning of the chapter. One of the sounds for each word is underlined. Group the words according to the underlined sound. There are five words for each sound. The first three have been done for you.

what other fun thought paused come want mother coner  
morning hot pub forward costume stockings

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<u>co</u> stume	<u>o</u> ther	<u>th</u> ought

- 8 Listen to Chapter 8 on your CD/download. Change the reported sentences below into the direct speech you hear.

For example (p 64):

*My mother said that of course I hadn't woken her.*

'Of course you haven't woken me.'

- a I told Mum I had to work with Daniel.

I \_\_\_\_\_

- b Daniel said they were going to get married.

We \_\_\_\_\_

- c Mum said that Richard wanted me to come in on Monday for a chat.

He \_\_\_\_\_

- d Mum said that she had brought me some smart suits.

I \_\_\_\_\_

- e Tom said Gav really liked me.

He \_\_\_\_\_

- f I said I had to leave my job because I had slept with my boss.

I \_\_\_\_\_

Listen to Chapter 8 again to check your answers, or go to pages 64–69 of your Reader.

9 Listen to Chapter 10 on your CD/download. Are the following sentences 'True' or 'False'?

- a Mark Darcy's house was painted grey. \_\_\_\_\_
- b Bridget's mum thought the party was fantastic. \_\_\_\_\_
- c Natasha was wearing a gold dress. \_\_\_\_\_
- d Bridget danced with Simon in the garden. \_\_\_\_\_
- e Darcy asked Bridget about films. \_\_\_\_\_
- f Daniel slept with Mark's wife three weeks after the wedding. \_\_\_\_\_
- g Mark asked Bridget to have dinner sometime. \_\_\_\_\_
- h Bridget was ready at 8 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

Check your answers on pages 75–78 of your Reader.

10 Listen to Chapter 11 on your CD/download and circle the right word below.

- a Bridget decided to have the dinner party on Tuesday  
21 November   21 December   20 November
- b How many oranges did Bridget buy?  
46   36   26
- c How much money did Bridget's mum want to borrow?  
a few hundred pounds   several hundred pounds   a couple of hundred pounds
- d What did Mark and Jude help Bridget cook?  
fried eggs   an omelette   pancakes
- e Who did Jude fetch?  
Daniel   Mark   Julio
- f How many calories did Bridget have on 22 November?  
5661   5651   5671

Check your answers by reading pages 83–87 of your Reader.

- 11 Listen to these sentences from Chapter 12 on your CD/download, and mark the stressed words.

For example:

*See you at **Rebecca's** place on **Sunday**.*

**Friday 8 December**

- a Rebecca's place? What's happening at Rebecca's place?
- b I think it's a kind of dinner party.
- c I'm busy on Sunday.
- d Why had Rebecca invited Jude and not me?
- e I had a drink with Shazzer, and she said, 'What are you wearing to Rebecca's party on Sunday?'
- f I must not get upset about not being invited to Rebecca's party. It's not important.

**Saturday 9 December**

- a I haven't been invited.
- b Maybe you haven't worked there long enough.
- c Well that's different, darling.
- d I called Tom to see if he wanted to go out tonight.
- e Tom has only met Rebecca twice and I've known her for nine years.
- f So why has she invited Tom and not me?

**Saturday 23 December**

- a Even Jude has forgotten me.
- b She'll be here by 7.30.
- c Daniel just called.
- d He was very drunk.
- e I've made a terrible mistake.
- f My whole year has been a failure.