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Year 4 and 5

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Osian's Diary

# Singapore

## Facts

- Singapore consist of only one main island and 63 tiny islands. Most of the small islands are uninhabited.
- The name Singapore means "lion city" - and the emblem of Singapore is the Merlion which is half fish and half lion.
- The Orchid is the national flower.
- The population of Singapore is about 4.5 million. They include Chinese, Malays, Indians and Europeans.
- Singapore has to buy everything from other countries, it has no natural resources, even water is bought from Malaysia.
- Singapore is sometimes called "the concrete jungle" because of all the tall buildings, but there are many beautiful parks full of plants and flowers to be found everywhere.
- It is a very clean country, with no slums or rubbish on the streets.
- Marina Bay Sands is a new, very special 5 star hotel and shopping area in Singapore. The top of the building is in the shape of a ship and has a huge infinity swimming pool which appears to stop in mid-air.
- The flying fox, one of the world's largest bats with a wing span of 1.5 metres can be found on one of the tiny islands, Pulau Ubin.
- Singapore's only airport is called Changi Airport and has won many awards for being the best and cleanest airport in the world.

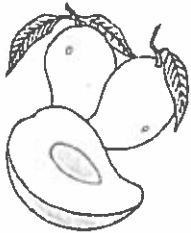


# Osian's Diary

My name is Osian Owain. I was born in Singapore on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2006 and I am 7 years old. I go to Tanglin Trust School, a British International School in Singapore and I am in Year 3. This is my diary for one week.

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2014

I got up at half past six and cleaned my teeth then had a shower. At ten past seven I went to school in the car. Every day when I get to school I unpack my bag then I put my folders in my tray and put my lunch box in my lunch tray. School starts at 7.45am. Today I did "Topic" first. We are learning about London and Singapore this term. After "Topic" we had break. First I went out to play and I played in Adventure play. Then I ate my snack which was yoghurt and mango.



mango

After break I did more work in class and I practised for my ESB presentation. ESB means English Speaking Board and it is a test that all Year 3 children are doing at the end of May. Examiners will come from England to watch us, and we have to do a talk, read a passage from a book and recite a poem from memory.

At lunchtime I played handball and after lunch I had art. We are doing collages of London. After that we had assembly.

On Mondays I have a piano lesson straight after school. I got my Grade 1 book today.

Every day when I get home from school I have a rest then take my dog, Hannah, for a walk with my mum and my sister Llio who is 4. Today I rode on my new bike and we went to the playground near our house. I had my tea at 6.30pm then got ready for bed at 7.30pm. I have to do 20 minutes reading every night before I go to sleep. I like reading in bed too and tonight I am going to finish my Geronimo Stilton book.

## Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014

I did the usual things at school today like Topic, ESB and English. On Tuesdays we have a merit assembly every week at the end of the day. This is when people get rewarded for doing good things like helping the teacher or getting on with their work.

After school on Tuesdays I go to Choir practice. We are singing *Octopus' Garden*, *I'm Getting Married In The Morning* and *Let Me Entertain You*. We are singing at the PTA Summer Fair in two weeks, and we have a concert on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and we are also going to St. Joseph's Home to sing for the poor old people who have no homes.

When I got home from school I played Minecraft and watched videos on my iPad. My mum took Hannah to the vet to have her stitches taken out because she had an operation two weeks ago.

1. Look at the facts about Singapore.

Find and copy-

a heading

\_\_\_\_\_

a sub heading

\_\_\_\_\_

a bullet point

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Put ticks to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
The name Singapore means 'bear city'.		
Singapore has a wealth of natural resources.		
Singapore is sometimes called 'the concrete jungle'.		
Marina Bay Sands is a hotel and shopping area.		
The population of Singapore is 7 million.		

3. Why has "lion city" been put in inverted commas?

Tick one.

it is incorrect

☐

because it has been copied from another text

☐

because the writer does not know the meaning

☐

4. Different nationalities live in Singapore.

Name 3.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why is Singapore beautiful, according to the writer?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. What is a diary?

Tick one.

a record of what a person  
did over a week or longer

☐

a poem about Singapore

☐

a letter

☐

7. In the paragraph which begins -

"I got up at half past six.....".

**Find and copy** one thing that is different from a school in Wales.

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8. **Find and copy** 2 things which are the same in schools in both Singapore and Wales.

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9. What did Osian call Topic, ESB and English?

**Find and copy** the 2 words.

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10. What is Osian's sister called?

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Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014

PE today. We played T Ball. I love it. I was sent out today because the fielder caught the ball and stumped the base I was running to. I also have Chinese and Music on Wednesdays.

In Music we did pitch and duration. We made up our own piece with graphic scores and played it to the rest of the class. Me and Charlie played the guiro and Payal played the xylophone.

guiro



In Chinese I learned about colours. The ones I can remember are: *gin se* (gold), *hong se* (red), *bi se* (white), *lan se* (blue), *lu se* (green), *hai se* (black), *chung se* (orange), *fe hong se* (pink).

After school I went to the playground and met my friends Josh and Jai. We were looking for animals and insects.

After that I went to Vivo City (a big shopping centre) with my mum and Llio. We had sushi in a restaurant called *Sushi Tei* and I had prawn tempura and edamame as well as lots of sushi from the conveyor belt. Then we went to Smiggle to buy a birthday present for my friend Brittany and I got a new snake puzzle that glows in the dark. We got home very late so I didn't have to do my reading before I went to bed.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2014

Today I did my topic then did PE. I did the high jump and running 100m. We wore our house kits for PE. I am in *Beruang* House which means "bear" in Malay. The other houses are *Elang* (Eagle), *Singha* (Lion) and *Harimau* (Tiger).

After that we did Exciting Writing in class and I wrote about some boys who went to visit their nain and taid. There was a big cloud over their village and there was no one around. There was a stone slab moving around and the boys went in to the place where it should have been. The stone closed again and it was a portal.

Every Thursday we go to the Junior School library and we are allowed to take three books out. I got another book about Ancient Egypt because I am really interested in it and I know a lot about the people and the pyramids. I am going to read it before I go to sleep tonight.

After school on Thursdays I go to a Rock Climbing club at school. I love it. I climbed to the very top of the wall. Coach Helmy supervised us so we didn't fall, and we all wear helmets and harnesses so we don't hurt ourselves. We also have carabiners to clip the ropes on to our harness.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2014

Today I went on a school trip to Marina Bay Sands and the area around it. It is a huge new building in Singapore that is a hotel, a casino, a shopping centre, an exhibition hall and a museum all together. My dad helped to design it. We went on a bus and the first thing we did was to go to the Singapore River, opposite

Boat Quay. We were looking at land use and old and new buildings in Singapore. We took photos of the statues of old prime ministers and the banks. After that we went to the Singapore Flyer which is a big spinning wheel like the London Eye. It is built on reclaimed land. We didn't go on it, just looked at it. We ate our packed lunches under cover because it was raining. Then we walked to MBS. We sketched some new buildings amongst the old buildings and we interviewed people. We asked if they were tourists or residents, and which modes of transport they used. We looked at the Art and Science Museum and it is in the shape of a lotus flower. I have been in there twice before. Once to see the Titanic exhibition and once to see an Egyptian exhibition with a real mummy called Nesperanub who was more than 3,000 years' old. Every Friday after school I have my swimming lesson with Ares but today I was not very well when I got home from school so I couldn't go. I was upset because I missed my lesson last week as well. Ares had gone surfing to Bali because there were lots of big waves there and he loves surfing. He is from Hawaii.

1. Which lessons does Osian have on a Wednesday?

Tick 2.

Chinese

☐

Welsh

☐

Science

☐

Music

☐

2. Draw four lines to match the correct Chinese name to each colour.

bi se

pink

hong se

white

fe hong se

red

hai se

black



3. What did Osian and Llio eat in the Sushi Tei?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Find and copy the Malay words for the following.

bear \_\_\_\_\_

lion \_\_\_\_\_

eagle \_\_\_\_\_

tiger \_\_\_\_\_

5. Put these events in order by numbering them from 1 to 5.

After school I went rock climbing.

I went to Vivo City.

Today I went to MBS.

I went to the Junior School library.

I ran 100m.

6. Put ticks to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
Osian has Chinese lessons on Wednesday.		
Vivo City is a cinema.		
Osian is in Elang House.		
The school trip went to Egypt.		
The Singapore flyer is a spinning wheel.		

7. Find and copy three words that describe Marina Bay Sands.

\_\_\_\_\_

8. The pupils "interviewed people".

What does this mean?

Tick one.

draw a picture of them

☐

asked questions on different topics

☐

showed them a restaurant

☐

asked what time it was

☐

9. Which shape is the Art and Science Museum?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Where does Ares come from?

\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2014

This morning we went to Little India for roti prata – Indian pancakes that you eat for breakfast with curry sauce. We go nearly every weekend and I always have two egg prata and dhal and mango milkshake. Then we went to Mustafa shopping centre which is opposite the prata place. It is huge and it sells everything you can think of. We had to buy some shampoo and some dog food.

When we got home I did my homework. It was Maths this week and I had to do a times tables crossword. It was easy.

After dinner we went to school because my mum had to do some work. She teaches Music in the Senior School. I watched Adventure Time, Frozen and Minecraft on YouTube on the big interactive whiteboard in one of the classrooms. We are always allowed crisps and sweets when we have to go to school at the weekend with my mum.

After that we took Hannah for a walk to the playground. I went on my skateboard. We had our tea and then Rose, our nanny, babysat because my mum had to go out. I couldn't get to sleep so I read some of my old books.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2014

My dad came home from Hong Kong today so I got to see him this morning. He has been there since Wednesday. He is an architect so he has to go away a lot to places like Burma, Malaysia, Abu Dhabi, Thailand, Hong Kong and Indonesia.

After breakfast we went to Forest Adventure in Bedok Reservoir Park for Brittany and Avani's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday party. They are both in my class at school. It was great fun. It is a tree top course that you have to go round on ropes and swinging pieces of wood and you are 4 metres above the ground. When you have got round all the courses there is a big zip wire back down to the ground. On my last go I had the whole course to myself and I landed on my feet at the end of the zip wire. Nearly everyone in my class was there. Mathys was a bit scared of heights. It was very hot and I was tired when we got home so me and Llio watched telly while we had our dinner.

This afternoon I did my piano practice then my dad helped me make my 2 pages for our class year book. I had to put pictures of myself then answer questions like which house I'm in, favourite memory of Year 3 and things like that. I said that my favourite memory was the sleepover at the Singapore Zoo!

We all went for a walk and bike ride along the canal with Hannah this evening then I practised my talk for ESB. I am going to talk about the great pyramid of Khufu and the sphinx.

It is school again tomorrow so I have to have an early night. It has been a busy and exciting week.

Thanks for reading my diary.

O sian L lio ap G nuffeld O wain

What is a roti prata?

It is a...

It is like...

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It is like...

☐

It is like...

☐

It is like...

☐

What does Mustafa sell according to Osian?

Write down the names of three of Osian's friends.

Where is the Forest Adventure?



5. Choose the correct word to finish the sentences and tick your choice.

The times table crossword was

difficult

☐

long

☐

easy

☐

Osian took Hannah ..... for a walk.

the cat

☐

his sister

☐

the dog

☐

his friend

☐

6. On Sunday Osian says that he went to Forest Adventure. What did he do there?

**Tick one.**

he went swimming

☐

he played football

☐

he went round on ropes 4 meters off the ground

☐

he watched a film

☐

7. Look at the paragraph starting "My dad came home from Hong Kong ..."  
**Find and copy** the names of three other places where Osian's dad has been working.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Why did Rose, the nanny babysit?

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9. What was Osian's favourite memory of Year 3?

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10. Which country is Osian going to talk about for ESB?

Tick one.

Wales ☐ Singapore ☐ Egypt ☐ Malaysia ☐