



The series follows the life of 17-year-old Elena Gilbert, who falls in love with a centuries-old vampire named Stefan, and later she falls for his brother Damon Salvatore, creating a love triangle. This results in her being drawn into the supernatural world, with the show following her struggles in surviving supernatural events in the town.

Season 1 Episode 1: Pilot

Elena is about to write in her diary about her troubles of letting go of the departed.



Elena: "I got home tonight, planning on doing what I always do; write in my diary like I have been since my mom gave me one when I was ten. So I get everything out, every feeling and it all goes in this little book I hide on the second shelf behind this really *hideous* ceramic mermaid, but then I realized I'd be writing things I should probably tell you."

Stefan: "What would you write?"

Elena: "I would write "Dear Diary. Today I convinced myself it was okay to give up. Don't take risks. No drama, now is just not the time." But my reasons aren't reasons, they're excuses. All I'm doing is hiding from the truth and the truth is... I'm scared, Stefan. I'm that if I let myself be happy for even one moment the world's just gonna come crashing down and I don't know if I can *survive* that."

Stefan: "Do you wanna know what I would write? 'I met a girl. We talked. It was *epic*. Then the sun came up and reality set in.' Well, this is reality, right here."

Elena: "Vicki's lucky that she's okay."

Matt: "I know. And now there's talk of some missing *campers*."

Elena: "Did she say what kind of animal it was that attacked her?"

Matt: "She said it was a vampire."

Damon: "You must be Elena. I'm Damon, Stefan's brother."

Elena: "He didn't tell me he had a brother."

Damon: "Well, Stefan's not one to *brag*."

Vocabulary Vitamins

hideous /'hɪdiəs/ horrible to see, hear, etc.; very ugly or revolting; dreadful

Example:

*The audience must determine whether this was a **hideous** case of molestation or community hysteria.*

survive /sər'vaɪv/ to live or exist longer than or beyond the life or existence of; outlive

Example:

*The new Muslims were now powerful enough to **survive** on their own*

epic /'ɛpɪk/ a long narrative poem in a dignified style about the deeds of a traditional or historical hero or heroes

Example:

*Reflecting on their **epic** matchup, all the players discuss plans to meet again on the field of battle.*

campers /'kæmpər/ a person who vacations at a camp

Example:

*At the end of the week each **camper** gets a picture of his or her group.*

brag /bræg/ to boast (verb); boastful talk or manner (noun)

Example:

*I'm an honest man; I'm not going to **brag** or lie to you.*

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you believe in vampires? Why or why not?
2. What would you do if you see one?
3. Were there any rumors of a vampire attack in your place?
4. Do you at times brag?
5. Do you remember epic problems your family has been through?