

Literacy Year 2

Summer Term Week 2

Activity 1

This week we are going to write a letter to an imaginary pen pal.

- We're going to start by thinking about different types of sentences. We are going to learn the difference between:

statements questions commands exclamations

- Open the **Types of Sentences PowerPoint** and go through it together.
- Now, write some **statements** about you, your family, your home, your interests, your likes and dislikes.

You could start with your name and age:

My name is Billy and I am 6 years old.

I have got one sister and two brothers.



Use contractions if you can:

I've got one sister and two brothers.

Include any interesting facts that you would like a new friend to know.

Activity 2

- We're going to write some questions today so let's remind ourselves of the question mark and when to use it. Click on the following link:



- Now, imagine you were preparing to write to a child in another city. What would you want to know about them? Try writing some questions for them using some of your interests. So, if you like football, you could write:

Do you like football?

or

If you like football, what team do you support?

If you like dancing, you could write,

Do you go to dance classes?

or

I love ballet, what's your favourite type of dance?



Make your questions as interesting as you can.

Activity 3

Today we're going to be finding out a little bit more about our city. Work with your grown-up to research Liverpool.

- Make a list of key facts and information, as well as fun things to do in Liverpool.

You could list them under the following **headings**:

<i>Interesting facts about Liverpool</i>	<i>Fun things to do in Liverpool</i>
<i>There are 2 cathedrals.</i>	<i>You can visit the Beatles museum.</i>
<i>Liverpool has a river called The River Mersey.</i>	<i>You can go for a ride on the ferry.</i>

Activity 4

Before we start today's session, it would be good to remind ourselves about conjunctions and why they are important.

Click on the following link:



- Now, have a look at the letter on the next page. I've then copied it and put some put information boxes at the sides to help you to see how it is structured.
- Please notice that each paragraph has at least 1 question.
- Use this format to write your own letter. You can write in response to Erica or you can make up your own 'new friend.'

You don't need to be restricted to the number of paragraphs I've used. You could have extra paragraphs if you choose and here are some ideas for topics:

Pets

School

Holidays

Food

88 Bridge Road
Edinburgh
EH17

2nd June 2020

Dear Lilly,

I am writing to you because I want to find out about what it is like to live in Liverpool.

My name is Erica and I am 6 years old. I live in a flat in Edinburgh with my mum and two sisters. We are a very happy family. **Do you have any brothers or sisters?**

My favourite hobby is dancing and I go to dance class every Saturday morning. You won't believe me when I tell you that I never used to like dance until I started ballet last year. **Do you have any hobbies or do you belong to any clubs?**

I love playing in the park with my family because it's lots of fun especially if we take our bikes. I also really enjoy swimming but I'm not very good at it! I am taking lessons though so hopefully I'll get better. **What do you like to do for fun?**

Edinburgh is a very busy city with lots of interesting sights. **Did you know that we've got a palace and a castle here?** If you like art, we've got the Scottish National Gallery here too. **Are there any interesting places to visit in Liverpool?**

That's all for now. Please write back soon.

From Erica

88 Bridge Road
Edinburgh
EH17

address
and date on
this side of
the letter

2nd June 2020

Dear Lilly,

opening
sentence

I am writing to you **because** I want to find out about what it is like to live in Liverpool.

Personal
Information:
name, age,
location and
family

My name is Erica **and** I am 6 years old. I live in a flat in Edinburgh with my mum and two sisters. We are a very happy family. **Do you have any brothers or sisters?**

hobbies/
clubs

My favourite hobby is dancing **and** I go to dance class every Saturday morning. You won't believe me **when** I tell you that I never used to like dance until I started ballet last year. **Do you have any hobbies or do you belong to any clubs?**

conjunctions:
**and but or
when if that
because so**

pastimes

I love playing in the park with my family **because** it's lots of fun especially if we take our bikes. I also really enjoy swimming **but** I'm not very good at it! I am taking lessons though **so** hopefully I'll get better. **What do you like to do for fun?**

places of
interest in
home city

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closing
sentence

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From Erica

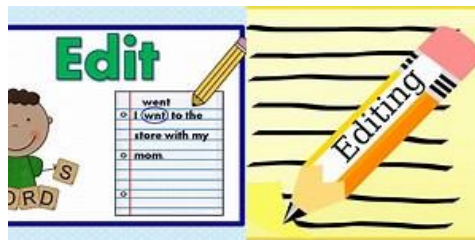
Activity 5

Today, we're going to review our writing.

Use the following checklist to make sure you included all the key features of a letter.

write the sender's address? e.g. 43 High Street, London, SW4 3FT
write the date?
write a greeting?
write an introduction?
write more details?
write a conclusion?
write 'from' or 'best wishes' before the sender's name?

Now check your spellings and see if there are any other improvements you can make.



You have a choice of what to do next:

1. Write the response to your letter as the other person.
2. Write a letter to a character from a book you like. There are some ideas on the next page.
3. Write a letter from one character to another like the letter from Goldilocks to Baby Bear on the next page.

- Write to the Big Bad Wolf and tell him how you feel about his behaviour. Then try to persuade him to be nice.
- Write to Harry Potter and ask him what it's like being a wizard at Hogwarts.
- Write to Charlie Bucket and ask him about his trip to the Chocolate Factory.
- Write a letter from Goldilocks to Baby Bear.

Here's an example:

Rose Cottage
Bear Road
OLD FOREST

Monday

Dear Baby Bear,

I am writing to say that I am very, very, very sorry for what happened yesterday.

I'm sorry I ate your porridge even though it was just right. I have sent a pot of honey with this letter to say sorry.

Please forgive me for breaking your chair. Dad is helping me make another one.

I'm sorry about messing up your bed too. My mum said I should come over and make your bed each day for a whole week!!

Goldilocks

pS I've been grounded.