

## Writing a Letter

Remember when we wrote a letter to an imaginary pen pal? Well, we're going to use some of the same ideas this week.

You are going to write a letter to your new Year 3 teacher!

Remember that a paragraph is a short piece of writing made up of a few sentences. All the sentences are about the same theme or topic. We're going to write a paragraph each day.

Here's a word bank to help you.

### Dear Future Teacher...

Use these words to help write a note to your future teacher.

difficult	enjoy	expect	favourite	feel
forward	goals	grade	hard	help
hope	important	improve	know	learn
move	need	new	next	plan
question	remember	school	share	show
subject	teacher	tricky	unsure	wish
classroom	like	friends	writing	year
		holidays		

## Activity 1

You are going to write your opening sentence and a paragraph about yourself. Here's mine:

Dear Teacher,

I am writing to you because I am coming to Year 3 in September.

My name is Lilly and I am 6 years old. I live with my mum, dad, older brother and younger sister. My brother's already in the Junior School but my sister is still in Nursery. She's my favourite because I think she's adorable. We have lots of fun together! I also have a cute pet dog and two noisy kittens! Do you have any pets?

See if you can spot any of the following:

- expanded noun phrases
- capital letters for proper nouns
- exclamation mark
- question mark
- commas
- possessive apostrophe
- apostrophes in contractions



Check on the next page to see if you found them all.

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Did you find them all? Now it's your turn to write your opening sentence and first paragraph. Try to use as many of the grammar and punctuation features as you can.

When you've finished, draw pictures of you, your home, family and any pets. Now label them.

## Activity 2

Today we're going to write about the things that make us smile. Think about your favourite T.V. programme, your favourite food and your favourite hobbies. This will be your next paragraph.

We're going to make it even more interesting by using great sentence starters.

Try starting some of your sentences with the following:

You'll never guess what my favourite food is...

You won't believe me when I tell you that...

I was so happy when...

Even though I was a bit scared...

It wasn't until the end of the competition that...

I didn't think I'd like it but...

I was so happy when I realised...

Don't forget to check your work as you go and then draw a lovely picture of the things you really enjoy.

### Activity 3 to 5

Continue to use the grammar, punctuation and sentence starters to help to make your letter amazing. Don't forget to draw fabulous pictures for each paragraph.

Here are some ideas for the different paragraphs. You just need to do one paragraph a day but do it really well!

#### Paragraph 3

(Describe any worries or fears you have about moving up)

#### Paragraph 4

(Describe what you are most looking forward to)

#### Paragraph 5

(Conclusion - draw ideas together, ask any questions)

### One more thing...



Don't forget to tell your new teacher how amazing you are!

You can also tell them that Mrs Tysoe and Miss Grant are going to miss you a lot!