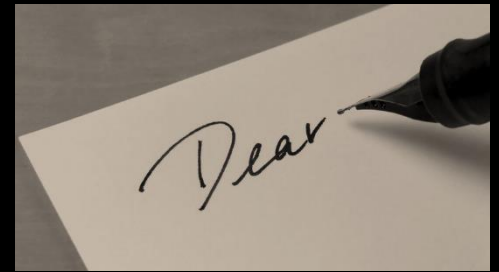


# To draft and edit an informal letter describing feelings



Your task is to write a letter as though you are the baboon on the moon. You are going to write to someone who lives back home.

What do you think the baboon would say in his letter home?



- Would he tell them the truth?
- Why might he hide some things from them?

# How might the baboon twist the truth in his letter?

## How the baboon feels

I have never felt such an overwhelming loneliness; I can't bear the silence!

Every day is so monotonous as I complete the same simple tasks over and over again.

## What he might say in his letter

It is so peaceful here on the moon; I often sit for hours admiring the beauty of our universe.

You would be so proud of me as I have got to grips with my new role and responsibilities – I'm quite the expert already!

# What are the main features of an informal letter?

- Write the baboon's address in the top right hand corner (they need to know where to send their reply)
- Write the date below the baboon's address
- Begin your letter with 'Dear', 'Hi' or 'Hello'
- Adopt a colloquial (chatty and friendly) style of writing
- Include paragraphs to separate topics of conversation
- Include thoughts, feelings and personal comments
- Ask questions for the recipient to respond to
- Sign off your letter with 'Lots of love', 'See you soon', or 'Bye for now'.

# Format of an informal letter

Begin the letter by addressing the recipients

Dear Meie,

Informal, friendly language

It's been a while since I've heard from you. How have you been? I was thrilled to see the photos of your holiday with Bas on Facebook – did you enjoy your time away? I'm writing to you with some good news: Amir and I are going to move in together!

We have been looking at two-bedroom flats near West Hampstead, in the same area where we live now. It turns out that, despite London's extortionate prices, the average rent is quite affordable with our two incomes combined.

This will be the first time I have moved in with a partner, but at least we've had a few months of practice during my break from full-time work.

Have you considered moving in with Bas before? If so, where would you be looking to rent?

I can't wait to hear from you. Send my regards to Bas as well!

Light-hearted 'sign-off'

Lots of love,  
Lola

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Address of sender (the baboon)

19 January, 2018

Date

# Introduction

- Addressing your family
- Asking questions
- Explain why you are writing to them
- Thoughts and feelings

Dear Mum and Dad,

Since I have no other means to communicate with you, I thought I'd try writing you a letter. I miss you both dearly and hope that you're ok. How is everyone back home in Mali? I hope they're missing me too! I can't wait to tell you all about my adventure up on the moon; I hope that I'm making you proud!

# Main Body 1

Describe your new house to your family.

How does it compare to your home on Earth?

Don't forget to include thoughts and feelings!

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# Main Body 2

Describe your new job to your family.

Which parts of it are you enjoying the most?

Which parts aren't so great?

Have you witnessed any amazing events? Shooting stars etc.

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# Conclusion

Signing your letter off.

Final thoughts and feelings.

What are you now looking forward to?

# Success Criteria

A range of vocabulary

Varied sentence starters and structures

Conjunctions

Descriptive techniques

Modal verbs

Check for sense