

Starter -

Add the missing commas into these sentences.

1. My favourite chocolate bars are Twix Mars Bounty and Crunchie.
2. Mum said we could choose one item: sweets clothes a game or an art set.
3. The packet contained red blue green and yellow felt tips.
4. Violins recorders drums and guitars were all set out in the music room.

WALT write an informal letter

Today, we are going to write the first part of our letter home as an evacuee.

Let's remind ourselves of the structure...

1. Sender's address
2. Recipient's address
3. Salutation (greeting)
4. Introductory paragraph asking about how they are
5. Information about what you have been doing
6. Concluding paragraph (miss you etc)

Let's remind ourselves of the writing features we need to include this week...

- first person
- vocabulary that is chatty / informal
- address the reader directly
- extra information within a sentence (embedded clause)
- fronted adverbials to help structure and sequence our letter

You might also want to include...

- Rhetorical questions directly addressing the reader – e.g. How are things back in Blighty?
- Purposeful misuse of standard English – e.g. we was playing...it were like we were old friends...ain't
- Using apostrophes for colloquial contractions – e.g. 'im...playin'...'ave... and normal contractions – e.g. aren't...how's
- Conversational style and language – having the time of our lives...blind as a bat...it's been ages since I saw you
- Slang – e.g. tommies, archies, dekkko, Boche, Blighty, Heimat
- Use of personal pronouns throughout – I, you, we
- Question tags – would go to No Man's Land... crazy, right?!... You know how much I like my sleep, don't you?!
- Use of exclamation marks – tommies and all! Repulsive latrines!
I walloped from miles away!
- Use of parenthesis for personal commentary – (like my hopes)
(I saved it for later) (that means you're a beauty)

Example letter

The Orchard
Knowbury
Ludlow
Shropshire
Sy8 3NJ

11th November 1940

46 Oxford Street
East End
Greater London
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Dear Mum,

I can't believe it has bin a whole week since I left you at the station. What a week it's bin! How are you doing? Is Arthur okay? Anyways, thought I better let you know that we've arrived safe and sound and we're settlin' in alright.

Train was okay I s'pose – bit long. They put Mary on another carriage, so I was on my Jack Jones for the whole 4 hours. It wouldn't of bin so bad but there's nothing to see apart from fields all the way here. I was absolutely Hank Marvin; I left the lunch you packed me at home.

When we got there, we was met by a strange looking lady with a right funny accent. They bundled us all into some big hall in the billeting office and made us line up like prisoners. It was dead scary. It was made abit better that I was lining up by John – my best friend. It's a small world. Me and Mary stood nice and tall everytime someone walked past. It must of worked 'cause a small, bearded man finally chose us after what felt like forever. He nodded at us and that was it – we was off to live with him.

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Now you have a go at writing the first part of your letter home. Stop when you get 'chosen' by the person who is taking your home.

We will continue this tomorrow.