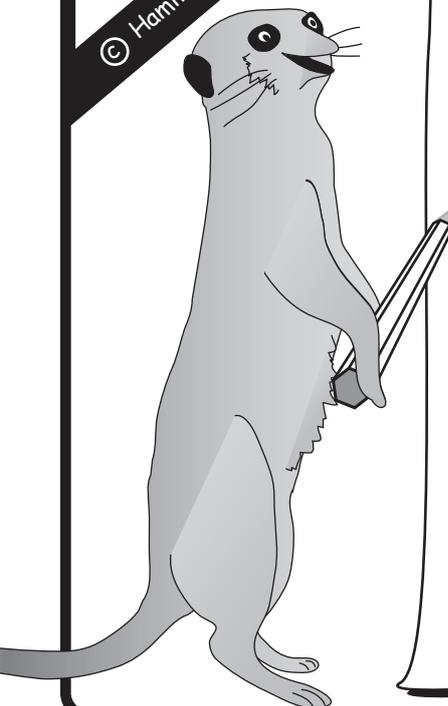




Write a letter

Nowadays, children often don't see adults writing very much, so it can be hard for them to understand why schools make such a big fuss about writing! Writing for a real purpose, such as sending a letter or email, with the chance of getting a reply, will help children understand why writing is worth persevering with! Choose who the letter is going to carefully. Try to encourage your child to write to someone who is likely to write back!

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What to do...

1. Think of someone you know who you would like to send a letter or an email to. It could be a grandparent or a friend who lives far away.
2. Talk to your helper about this person.
3. Write them a letter telling them about some of the things you have been doing recently (at home, at school, at clubs or places you have visited).
4. Ask them some questions too and ask if they can write back to you!
5. Try to organise your writing like a letter, as we have shown below.
6. If they do write back, bring the letter into school to show your friends.

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15th June 2007

Dear Grandad,

How are you? We are all quite well, although Parsley and I had Meerpox last week, but we're much better now. The weather has been great here, so we have been out of the burrow and down to the outdoor oasis swimming pool with mum twice! They have a huge slide which spirals down into the water. Parsley goes down on her bottom, but I go down on my front, head first, so I'm always the fastest. They have sprinklers beside the pool as well, so Baby Flo enjoys toddling under them.

Did you watch the football on Saturday? We beat your team 2- 0!

Say hello to Auntie Myrtle from us.

Love,

Malik Meerkat