

Writing -Term 5 Week 1 - The Environment

Animation: The Ocean Maker (Literacy Shed)



Key learning: Sentence Openers (focusing on using ISPACED)

Task – Informal letter

Explanation of activity - Katrina writes a farewell letter to her father in case she doesn't make it back from her mission. She wants to explain about her rain maker and her hopes for the future.

You must use the key information from the checklist to support you.

Checklist

- Adventurous vocabulary
- Informal language
- A range of openers (ISPACED)

Supporting Documents

Informal Language

Contractions	Can't, won't
Question tags	Do you? Can I?
Second person	You
Chatty style	You'll be pleased to know, I daresay

Model Text 1

21 Anchor Road

London

LN3 4KN

12th September 1940

Dear Mama,

Contented, I sit here beside the warmth of the range and feel lucky that I am safe from all the bombs in war-torn London. You'll be pleased to know that I've arrived safely to my new home for who-knows-how-long (or for the foreseeable future?) Nestling in between two lush-green, rolling hills, the village of Little Wierwold is a peculiar place; being used to the cacophony of the city, the silence of the countryside gives me the chills! However, it's not all peace and quiet – the village ladies seem not to draw breath between their words. I daresay you'd find them severely lacking in moral standards.

Mr Tom, who has no children of his own, is a kind and gentle man. Being Godly like you, he reads parts of the bible every night. At first, I found him quite intimidating. As tall as an oak tree (his name being Oak and all,) he towered over me and his growling voice put me in mind of the bear we saw at the zoo, remember? However, deep beneath his gruff exterior, I feel certain he is more of the teddy-bear variety than a grizzler. Just this morning, he said he was going to dig out his old painting paraphernalia, as having seen some of my sketches, he declared I had quite a talent. Hopefully, you find comfort in my having something to keep me occupied, Mama – as you always say: "The devil makes work for idle hands!"

Devoted, I am your ever-loving son,

Willie.

Model Text 2

5 Union Road

Bristol

BS43 3JD

23rd June 2090

Dear Father,

When you receive this, I may no longer be alive to explain my actions. I'm sorry, Daddy, so sorry. Constructing my rainmaker has been my life-long mission.