

Y6 Letter Writing: Informal Example Text

32 Windsor Gardens
Notting Hill
London
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United Kingdom

1st August, 2015

Dearest Great-Aunt Lucy,

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Thankfully, just as I was about to give up hope, an especially kind couple – The Browns – saw me and decided that they would take me home and look after me. Can you believe that? Since no one can pronounce my name in Peruvian bear language, they even gave me a new name. I am now called Paddington! Mr Brown explained that it is a very distinguished name for a bear.

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Even though I've only been here a couple of weeks, I've made lots of friends already. The best is Mr Gruber – he's an antique dealer in Portobello Road. Whenever we visit his shop, he's always got fascinating artefacts to show us. On the other hand, there are less-friendly neighbours around. Mr Curry (the grumpiest man alive) lives a few doors away and he's ALWAYS complaining about something or other. Do you know what he said to Mr Brown last week? 'Bears make the street look scruffy: you'll reduce our house prices.' What a cheek!

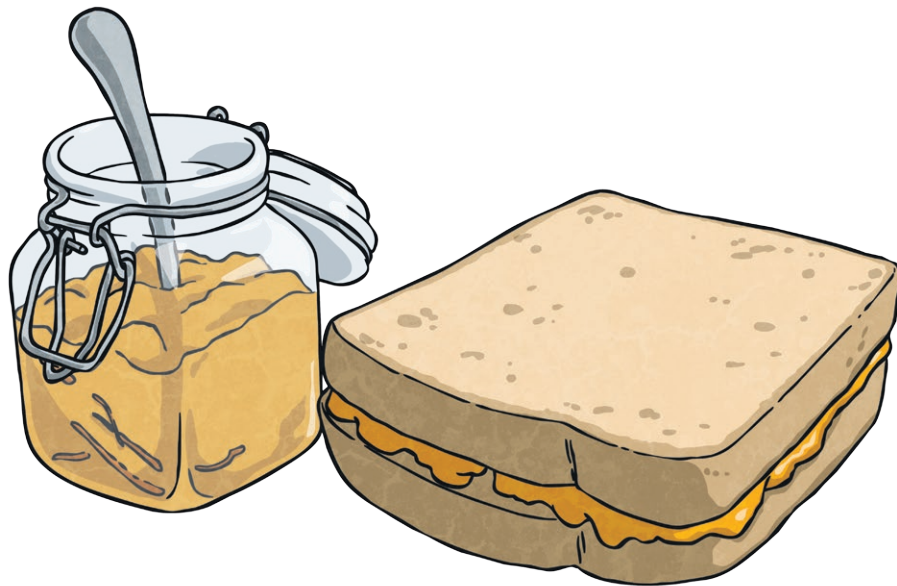
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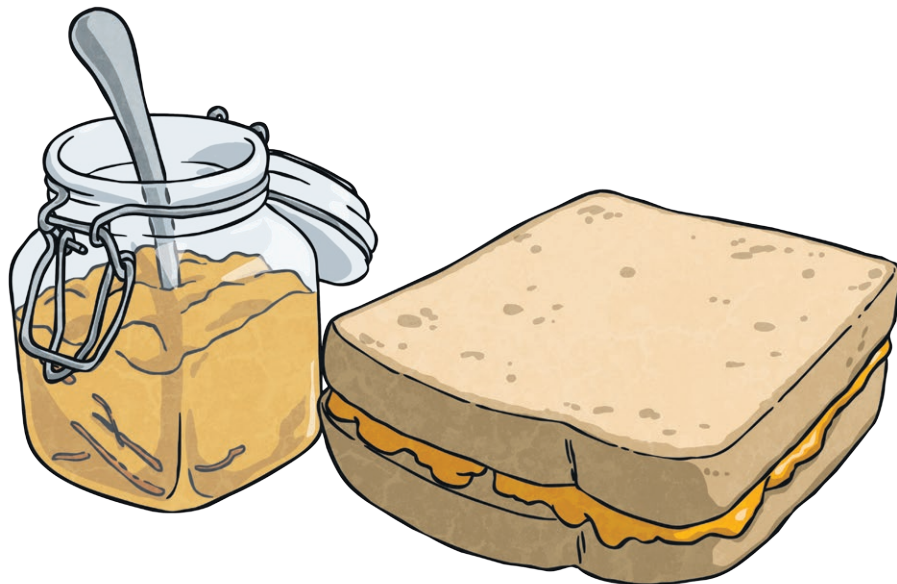
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Lots of love and marmalade,¹⁰

Paddington¹¹

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Since you moved^{3/10} **into the Home for Retired Bears in Lima**⁹ **so many weeks ago**³, my life has been extraordinary! Having stowed away **aboard a lifeboat**⁹ **on a gigantic container ship**¹¹, I **finally**¹⁰ made it **to England**⁹ ⁻¹⁶ just as you said I **should**⁵. **Although**³ it was an **extremely**¹⁰ long journey, **luckily**¹⁰ I had just enough of your **delicious marmalade to keep me going**¹¹. **On arrival**⁹ in the port, I climbed on a train and ended up **at a huge, bustling railway station**¹¹, **where I thought I might find some friends**⁵. **Unfortunately**¹⁰, I was **there for hours**³ before someone spoke to me even though I raised my hat and said, **"Good morning,"**¹² most **politely**¹⁰ **every time**¹⁰ anyone passed. **In addition**³, I made sure the label you wrote ⁻¹⁶ the one with **'please look after this bear'**¹² **could be seen**⁴ but everyone ignored me.

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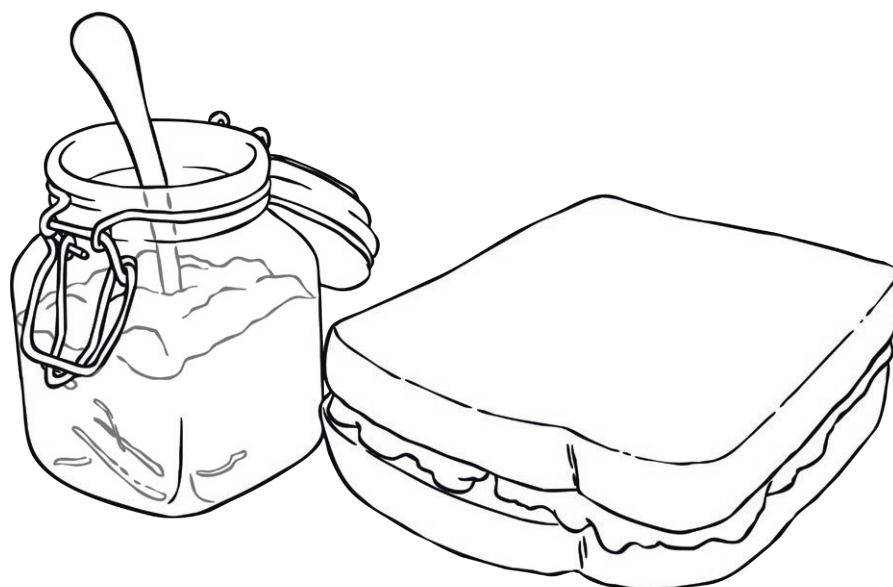
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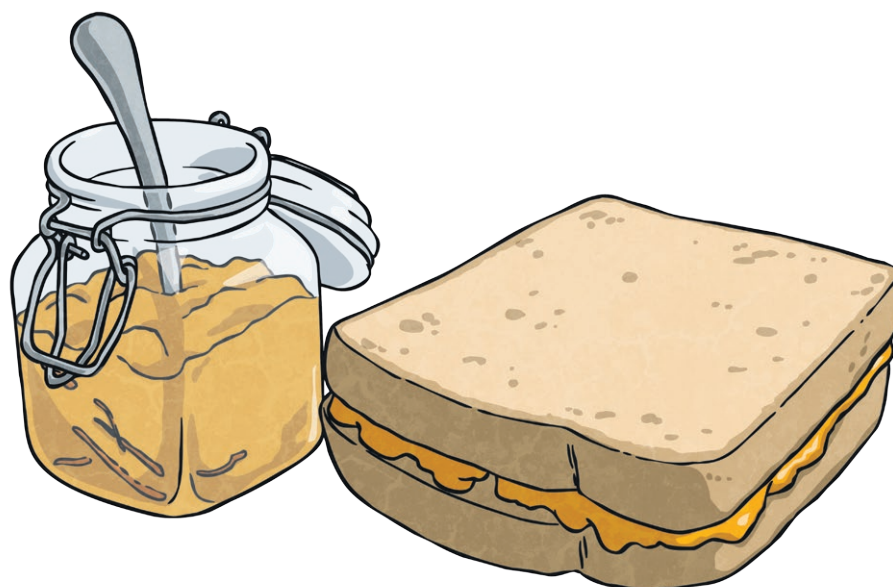
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