



Frindle

fun activities

Mail Time!

In the book *Frindle*, Nick Allen received a long-awaited letter in the mail. Sending and receiving letters is a great way to practice your writing skills and have a bit of fun with friends and family far away. Why not try writing your own letter. Here's a simple format to help you get started:

123 Letter Lane
Anytown, FL 11111
Today's date

Dear _____:

This is where the body of your letter goes. You should begin each paragraph by indenting, just like when you write an essay at school. Your body copy can be as many paragraphs as you like, just remember to keep similar information grouped together.

When you write a letter, you should always be sure to proof it for proper grammar. Don't forget to check for capitalization, punctuation marks and spelling. It's also a good idea to read your letter out loud. This will help you make sure it flows properly and makes sense for the reader.

End your letter with a "closing" that shows the type of relationship you have with the reader. "Sincerely" is a good way to end a business letter, but may seem too formal for a good friend.

Your New Friend,
Your Name

Mystery Pen Pals

Have you ever written a message in a bottle and then sent it out to sea in hopes that someone would find it? That's a little bit like our Mystery Pen Pal activity. To play along, you'll need a map or atlas of the United States. Begin by blindfolding a student from your class and having him or her point to a place on the map. After you've located a city and state, look up the city's zip code online.

Next, have everyone in your class write a letter to a student from this mystery school. You should write about your interests, your town, your school and your family. Ask the mystery reader to write back and tell you about life in his or her town. Bundle all the letters from your class together and mail them in a package addressed to:

Any Elementary School
Any ___ Grade Class
City, State Zip

Make sure to put your school's return address in the upper left hand corner of the package and mark the envelope: "A mystery pen pal assignment from (your school name)." If your letters are answered, read them aloud to the class.

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