

Y5 Letter Writing: Informal Example Text

27 Common Lane,
Familiar Town,
Yorkshire,
S24 9TD

24th March 2017

To Billy,

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At night, when I'm on my own, I keep wondering whether you would've had to move if your mum hadn't found out what we were doing. She said that moving away was for your own good but I don't see how it can be good to make you leave immediately with no explanation. We were so close to the source of the truth too. There's still something strange about that scratching noise, which we kept hearing, coming from the woods.

It's not like we were misbehaving. Maybe curiosity just got the better of us and we should have known better or maybe we really are too mischievous for our own good, like we kept getting told! We were such a great team though you and me. Even if it was you that first suggested exploring near the cemetery, you didn't have to persuade me. I made

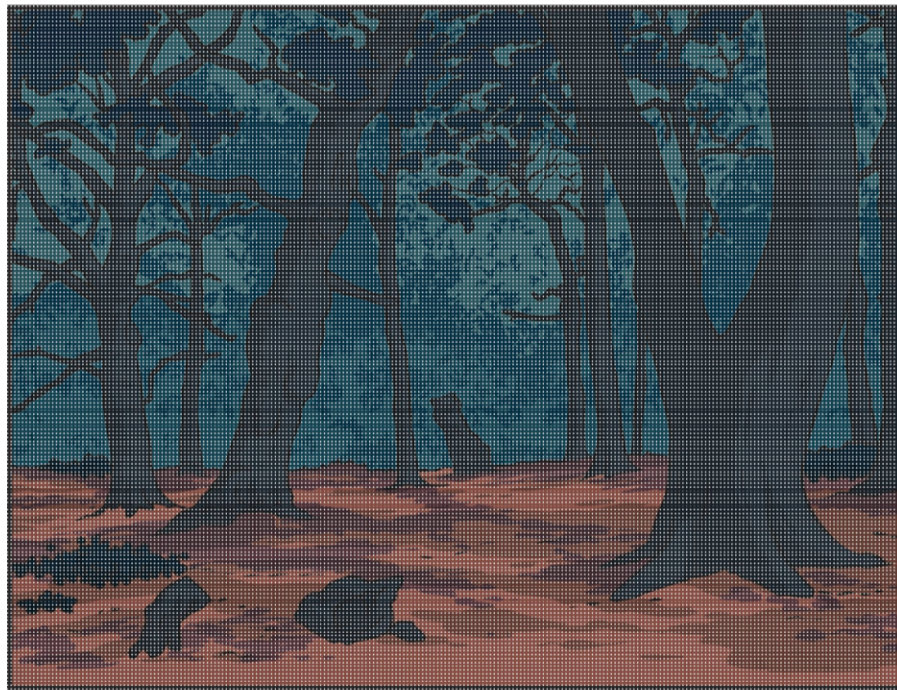
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From your best mate (forever),
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Annotated Genre Features

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¹ write the sender's address

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² write the date

³ write an appropriate greeting

To Billy,³

⁴ write an introduction

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⁵ write in paragraphs around a theme

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⁷ use a chatty, informal style

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¹¹ finish with the sender's name or signature



¹⁰ use a complimentary close

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Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Features

All text: Uses the full range of spelling, grammar and punctuation features taught in previous year groups, including pronouns for cohesion, adverbials, and the correct tense throughout

All text: Selects appropriate grammar and vocabulary to match the purpose and audience

³ Describes settings, characters and atmosphere.

⁴ Uses organisational and presentational devices that are relevant to the text type, e.g. headings, bullet points, underlining. could refer to everything including address, date and greeting

⁵ Précises longer passages. refers to entire paragraph, précising longer implied story

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