



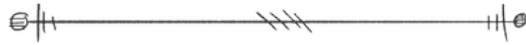
# How to Start a Pen Pal Friendship



## 1 BE YOURSELF



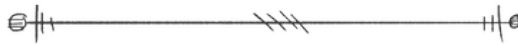
Your pen pal wants to know about YOU, your interests, your family, your favorite things, any interesting things you're doing and learning about. There's no need to impress your pen pal with long stories or big words — just be yourself and write as if you're speaking with a friend.



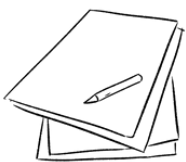
## 2 ASK QUESTIONS



Just like in regular conversation, it's important to show interest in learning about the other person. Asking questions also makes it likelier that your pen pal will continue to respond. Keep letters to two pages or less, include some drawings, cards, or photos, if desired.



## 3 KEEP IT GOING!



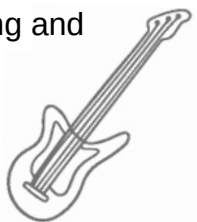
At the start of the pen pal relationship, agree with your pen pal how often you will write to each other (once a month, for example). Do your best to stick to the schedule.



# Ideas for Your Pen Pal Letter



- Places you've visited or would like to visit
- Favorite hobbies and interests
- Something interesting you're learning about
- Your family members
- Favorite family ritual or tradition
- Your pets
- Your city and what you like to do there
- Favorite foods
- Your bedroom or favorite part of your home
- Your recent art or craft
- Favorite outdoor and indoor activities
- A famous person you'd like to meet
- Favorite board or card game
- Favorite podcasts
- Favorite season
- Favorite color and how it makes you feel
- Favorite vacation
- Books and movies you love or are currently enjoying
- Your nickname or what name you would like to use and why
- Your biggest dream (e.g. What do you want to be when you grow up?)
- Favorite animal
- Your morning routine and/or evening routine
- Favorite YouTube channel
- A sport you play and how often you practice
- Three things you are grateful for right now
- Your volunteering experience
- Your previous pen pal (if you had one before)
- Favorite book or movie character
- Your goal and what you do to achieve it
- Your recent dream
- Something kind you did for someone recently
- Something you're proud of
- Your recent invention idea
- Things you would like to learn about
- Your recent trip somewhere
- Music or singers you like
- A recent gift you received and why you like it
- Fun or interesting information since your last letter
- An amazing thing that happened to you recently
- The musical instrument you're learning and how often you practice



# HELLO

# I AM

# MY BIRTHDAY



My FAVORITE thing to do

A FUN fact about me

I could EAT \_\_\_\_\_ every day

One THING I can't live without:



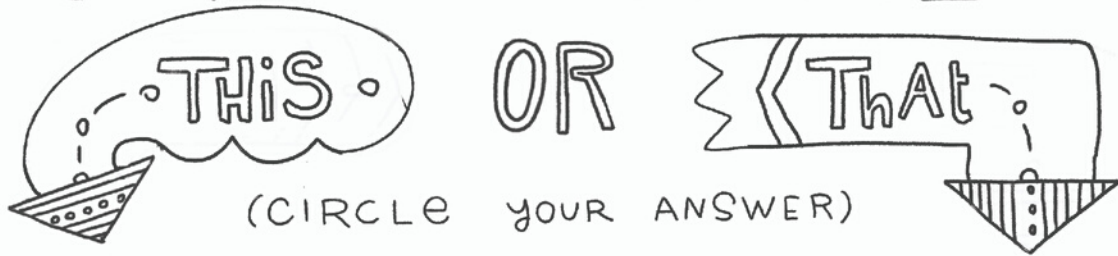
My dream VACATION place:

My SUPERPOWER:

I love LEARNING about

MY PLAYLIST  
favorite songs to listen to

# I Would Rather



Ice Cream  OR



Be a Wizard  OR



Talk to Animals  OR



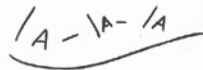
Eat Fruits  OR



Watch a Movie  OR



Dance  OR



Play Sports  OR



Play Hide and Seek  OR



Eat Breakfast  
for Dinner



Eat Dinner  
for Breakfast



# CIRCLE = SOME = STUFF! \*

CARTOONS TRAVEL MOVIES Read Dogs Friends Spring Video Games  
ANIMALS SCHOOL Sing Dance FAMILY SUMMER FALL  
GAMES CATS SCIENCE HISTORY WINTER MATH  
COMPUTERS ARTS AND CRAFTS SNACKS SPORTS

Write down some words you circled and explain why.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_



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