

1 Why Can't She Explain?

Jay,

My best friend's name is Caitlin. Last **Sunday**, she made it **plain** that she doesn't think I act like a true friend. I asked Caitlin to **explain**, but she left in a huff. I hate to **complain**, but I miss my best friend. Help!

Daisy

Daisy,

I must **say** one thing—a true friend will help in **rain** or shine. True friends are there when things are fine—and will **stay** when things are bad as well.

True friends also take the time to listen. Daisy, go back and chat with Caitlin. Tell Caitlin that you will take the time to listen, but she must **explain** the problem. **Explain** that you want to **maintain** this friendship. Then, **say** you will help in any **way** that you can.

Jay

Word Count: 129

Glossary Links
made it plain
in a huff



What makes a good friend?
Write one or two things.



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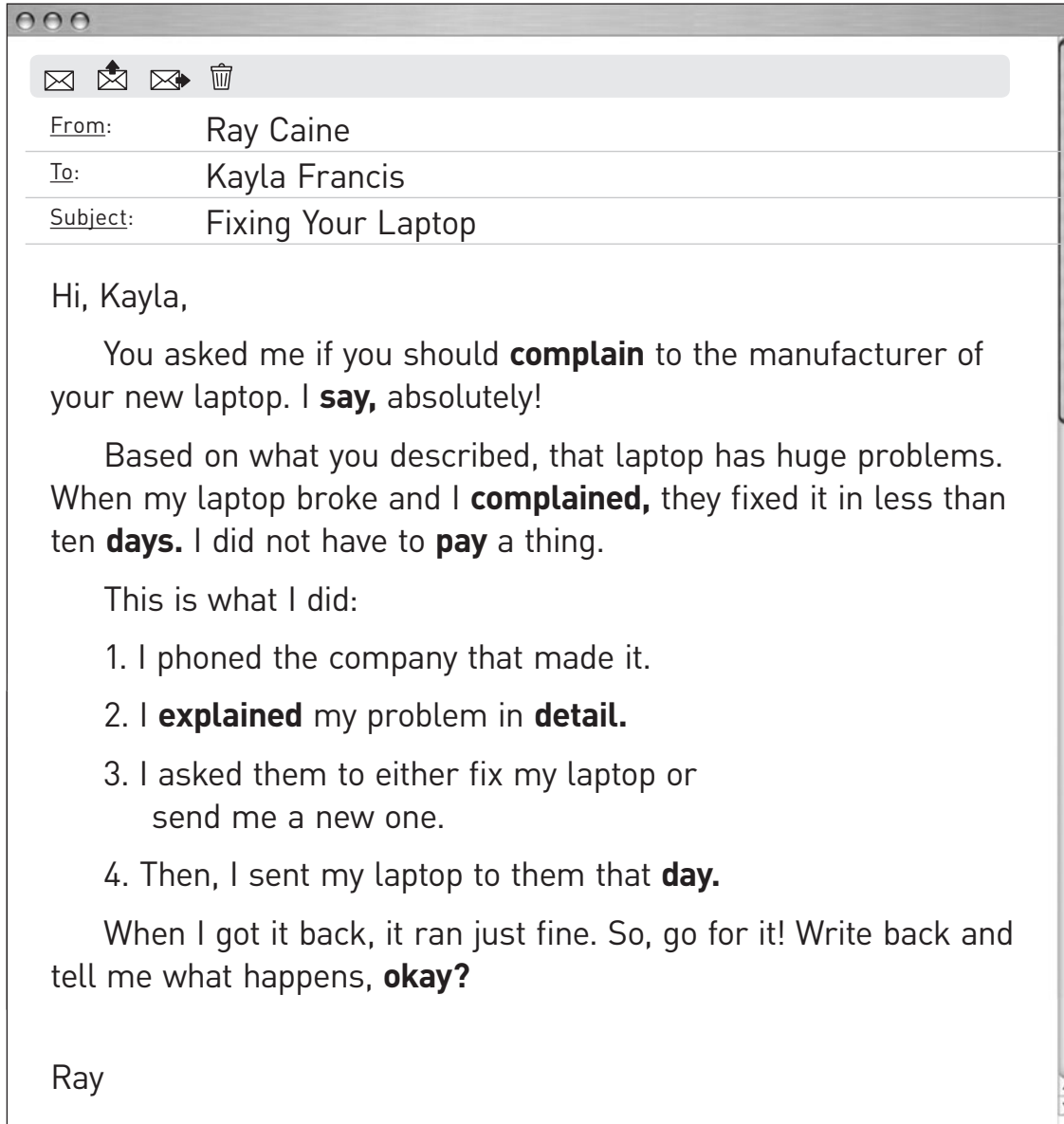


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2 The Laptop Complaint



From: Ray Caine
To: Kayla Francis
Subject: Fixing Your Laptop

Hi, Kayla,

You asked me if you should **complain** to the manufacturer of your new laptop. I **say**, absolutely!

Based on what you described, that laptop has huge problems. When my laptop broke and I **complained**, they fixed it in less than ten **days**. I did not have to **pay** a thing.

This is what I did:

1. I phoned the company that made it.
2. I **explained** my problem in **detail**.
3. I asked them to either fix my laptop or send me a new one.
4. Then, I sent my laptop to them that **day**.

When I got it back, it ran just fine. So, go for it! Write back and tell me what happens, **okay?**

Ray

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Glossary Links
manufacturer
company



Have you ever had to send something back to the store or manufacturer? Tell about it.



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