

Remote Learning:
For independent student work or virtual teaching!

8 DAYS OF WRITING

Authentic writing activities to build key ELA and life skills at home—and help students make meaningful connections during this time of social distancing.



Writing a letter to someone they care about is a great way for kids to express their emotions and practice kindness. These resources include:

- ▶ **Lessons** on writing thank-you notes and letters of encouragement to friends, relatives, community members, and more
- ▶ **Templates** for writing letter drafts and making custom cards and envelopes
- ▶ **Activity sheets** and graphic organizers that support at-home tasks—including bonus projects just for families!

Assign all eight of these lessons to keep students writing and learning every day. Find them at [scholastic.com/letterwriting](https://www.scholastic.com/letterwriting) or click the links below.

★ Day 1

Letters of Gratitude Students write a letter to thank someone (like a doctor or nurse!) who is helping people in their community.

★ Day 5

Letters of Encouragement Kids write notes to cheer up other children who are undergoing medical treatment in a local hospital.

★ Day 2

Writing to an Elder Kids reflect on the contributions that seniors have made to our world, then connect with a grandparent, elderly neighbor, or veteran.

★ Day 6

Writing to Pen Pals Students build exciting cross-cultural connections by exchanging letters with a class in another state or country.

★ Day 3

Letters Across the Distance Students investigate what life is like in different parts of the country by writing to a faraway friend or relative.

★ Day 7

Letters of Celebration Kids research (or invent!) an unusual holiday they want to celebrate, then write to a classmate about it.

★ Day 4

Writing to a Favorite Author Students compose a note to someone they admire but don't know, such as a children's book author.

★ Day 8

Letters of Reflection Students reflect on what they've learned so far this year, then write to a family member about their accomplishments.

★ SHOW SOMEONE YOU CARE ★

HEADING

Include the address and date.

Your address

Date

GREETING

Include "Dear," the person's name, and a comma.

Dear (Name),

BODY

Write the main part of your message. (The body of the letter can be as long or as short as you want it to be!)

Have you ever received a letter or a card in the mail? There's something special about getting a handwritten letter that was written just for you.

It's great to send greeting cards for birthdays and holidays, but you don't have to wait for a special occasion to send a letter. You can send a card or a letter anytime, for any reason you want! Maybe you'd like to congratulate someone, share a joke with a friend, or just let people know you are thinking about them.

CLOSING

Add a word or phrase such as "Sincerely" or "Love" to show your letter is ending, then add a comma.

Who are the special people in your life? Send them a message to let them know you care!

All the best,

SIGNATURE

Sign your name under the closing.

Your name

P.S. If you forget to write something in the body of your letter, you can add it in a postscript! ("Postscript" actually means "written after.")

MAILING

Address, stamp, and seal your envelope, then put it in the mailbox. Without the correct address or a stamp, your letter won't get to its destination.

Jane Doe
123 Center Drive
Any Town, ST 67890

Grandma Doe
456 Main Street
Any Town, ST 12345

SO MANY REASONS TO SHOW YOU CARE



SHOW SOMEONE YOU CARE WITH A PERSONAL LETTER!

Write a draft of your letter on the blank lines below.
The guidelines on the right will help you.

_____] ◀ ADDRESS —You don't need to include the address inside a greeting card!

_____] ◀ DATE

_____] ◀ GREETING Usually "Dear..." Don't forget a capital letter and a comma!

_____] ◀ BODY Be sure to indent each paragraph!

_____] CLOSING You can use "Sincerely," "From," "All the best," or other phrases. Don't forget a capital letter and a comma!

_____] ◀ SIGNATURE

Use the space below to practice addressing your envelope.

RETURN ADDRESS: _____] ◀ Your Name _____] ◀ Street Address, Apt # _____] ◀ City, State, ZIP Code™] ◀ STAMP
_____ _____ _____		
DELIVERY ADDRESS: _____] ◀ Person's Name _____] ◀ Street Address, Apt # _____] ◀ City, State, ZIP Code™		

CARD TEMPLATE

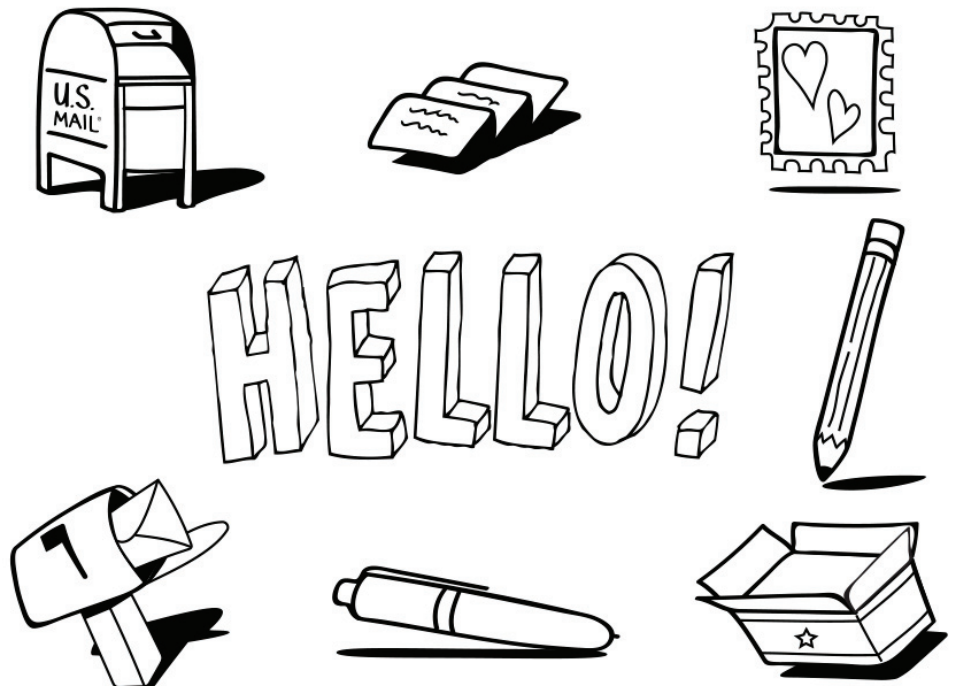
Are you ready to write and design your letter?
Follow these easy steps to make your own card and get your letter in the mail!

YOU WILL NEED:

Colored pencils and markers,
scissors, pencil, ruler

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Cut out** the card along the solid black line. Try to make your cuts as straight as possible!
2. **Fold** along the dotted line. Use the ruler to help you fold in a straight line.
3. Now it is time for you to **write** and **design** your card! Write your letter on the inside of the card, just like you have practiced in class and then design your card any way you want. Be creative!
4. **Follow** the instructions on the Envelope Template worksheet to make your own envelope, add a stamp, and get your card in the mail.



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ENVELOPE TEMPLATE

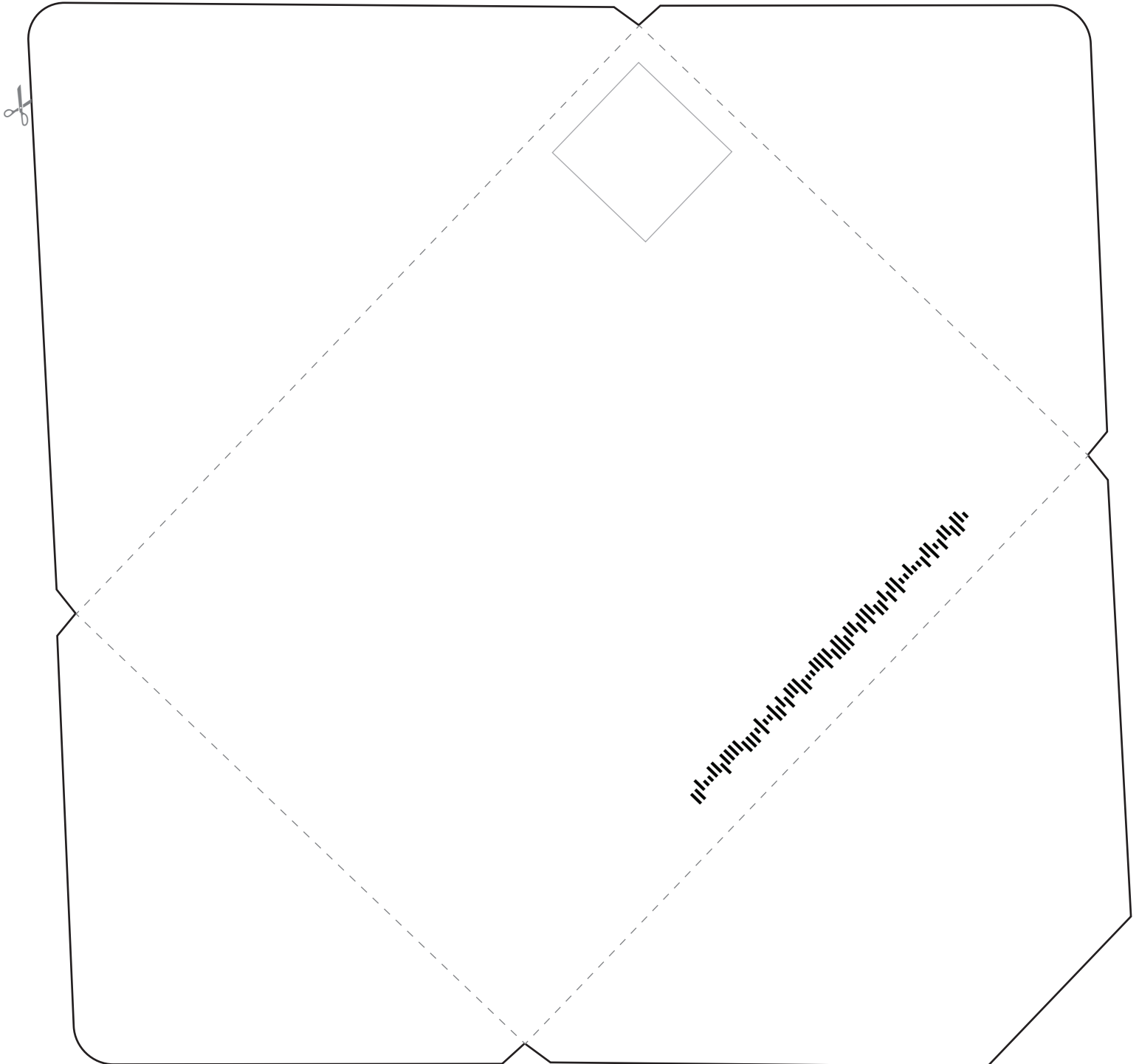
Are you ready to mail your letter? Follow these easy steps to make your own envelope and get your letter in the mail!

YOU WILL NEED: Glue stick, scissors, pencil, ruler, tape (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Cut out** the envelope along the solid black line. Try to make your cuts as straight as possible!
- 2. Fold** along the dotted lines with the printed side facedown. Use the ruler to help you fold in a straight line.
- 3. Unfold** the top flap. **Glue** or **tape** the bottom flap onto the side flaps; be careful not to get glue on the inside of the envelope!
- 4. Insert** your card or letter in the envelope and seal it with glue, tape, or even a sticker! Now write the address and add a stamp.

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GET YOUR LETTER MAILBOX-READY!

You have written a meaningful letter to someone you care about.
Now it's time to create a final copy of your letter and mail it to its destination!

Answer the questions below to make sure that your
letter is ready to be stamped and mailed.

About Your Letter

1. To whom are you writing?

2. What type of letter are you writing?

- ☐ thank-you letter ☐ fan letter
☐ thinking-of-you letter
☐ letter of support
☐ other: _____

Checklist

- ☐ Did you edit your letter for correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation?
- ☐ Did you capitalize...
the month in the date?
the address?
people's names?
the greeting?
the closing?
- ☐ Did you use a comma...
between the city and the state?
between the date and the year?
after the greeting?
after the closing?
- ☐ Did you find the address? Write it here:
- ☐ Did you find the ZIP Code™? Write it here:
- ☐ Have you written the address on the envelope?
- ☐ Have you written the return address on the envelope?
- ☐ Did you place a stamp on your envelope?

If you said yes to all of the above, you are ready
to mail your letter with your class!