



Date:

12<sup>th</sup> January, 20XX

Dear Rocky,

Chinese New Year is coming. I am so excited! This is the time when families get together to celebrate.

My family is now busy preparing for the celebration. Yesterday, Mum cleaned our house and Dad bought good luck flowers. My sister and I decorated our home with red paper because red is the lucky colour for Chinese. What is the lucky colour for Canadians?

At Chinese New Year, we wear new clothes and visit our relatives. Mum and Dad love watching lion dance, while my sister and I enjoy watching parades. We eat different New Year food like rice cakes and melon seeds. Have you ever eaten any Chinese New Year food?

I love this festival because I can get lucky money and eat sweets!

What about you? How do Canadians celebrate New Year?

Best,  
Henry



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CANADA

Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

- 1. Who decorated Henry's home?
  - A. Henry and his sister
  - B. Dad and Henry
  - C. Henry and Mum
  - D. Mum and Dad
- 2. What does Henry's dad love doing at Chinese New Year?
  - A. watching parades
  - B. watching lion dance
  - C. wearing new clothes
  - D. visiting relatives



Answer Question 3 in short.

- 3. Why does Henry love Chinese New Year?

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\_\_\_\_\_

Complete the table.



4.

Name	Henry	Rocky
Nationality	Chinese	

17<sup>th</sup> April, 20XX

Dear Annie,

How are you? I am happy that you are my pen pal. Let me tell you more about the city I live in.

There are many modern and tall buildings in Seoul, but you can also find traditional buildings here. Gyeongbok Palace is one of the examples. It is the most beautiful royal palace in my country. Take a look at the other side of the postcard and you will see the fascinating decorations. We Koreans are very proud of it.

You can find a lot of good local food in Seoul. Kimchi is one of my favourites. It is sour and spicy and is made of different vegetables. Another of my favourites is rice with beef in stone pot. It is very tasty. I enjoy eating it in winter because it warms my body. What local food do you like eating?

Tell me more about your city.

Yours,  
Keun-Suk



Annie Wong


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Hong Kong

### Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

1. What does the other side of the postcard show? 
- A. Hong Kong  
B. Gyeongbok Palace  
C. a Korean restaurant  
D. Keun-Suk's home
2. Which adjective has a similar meaning as 'traditional'?
- A. fascinating  
B. modern  
C. tall  
D. old

### Answer Question 3 in short.

3. What is kimchi made of?
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Write the answer in the box.

4. What are Koreans proud of?
- \_\_\_\_\_

My Pen Pal World is a great place for you to make new friends. Here, you can find pen pals from different countries like the UK, France, Japan and Korea.

You can start by thinking about what kind of pen pal you want. Where does your future pen pal come from? How old is he? What are his hobbies? Answering these questions will help you choose the right pen pal. Then you can search for your pen pal by entering keywords about age, country, gender and other things, for example, hobbies like 'football' or 'playing the violin'.

After choosing the one you like, you can look for his e-mail address in his profile and send an e-mail to him. If he wants you to be his pen pal, he will give you his postal address. You can then write letters to your pen pal!

**Reminder:** Be careful when making pen pals. Don't go out with them alone.

### Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

- Which section should we read to know what My Pen Pal World is?
  - About Us
  - How to Start
  - What to Write
  - Find Your Pals!
- What kind of keywords CANNOT help us to find pen pals?
  - age
  - gender
  - hobbies
  - telephone number

### Fill in the blank with a word from the text.

- On the website, you can find pen pals from different \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.

### Put the letters in the correct order.

- How can we find a pen pal?
  - E-mail him.
  - Enter keywords.
  - Write a letter to him.
  - He gives us his postal address.

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**My Pen Pal World**

**Jerry Nobles**  
Hi, buddies! I am an eight-year-old boy. I am in Primary 4. I live in London, England. I like eating fish and chips most. My hobby is reading books about dinosaurs and different countries. Do you like reading too? Write to me!

**Tommy Dixon**  
Ciao! I am in Primary 3. I am a Spanish boy. I live in Barcelona which is a beautiful city. I like doing sports. I always play football with my classmates after school. I also like making models. What about you?

**Ayaka Abe**  
Hi, everybody! I am in Primary 5. I was born in Tokyo. It is the busiest city in Japan. My favourite dishes are sushi and prawn salad. I like playing the piano and doing ballet. All music lovers, be my pen pals!

**Jia Yi Wang**  
Hi! My nickname is Daisy. I am a Primary 6 student. I am from Beijing. I love collecting stickers. I also enjoy shopping with my cousins. What do you do in your spare time?

Write the correct letter in the box.

- What is Ayaka's hobby?  
A. reading  
B. collecting stickers  
C. doing ballet  
D. shopping

Write the answer in the box.

- How old is Jerry?



Complete the table.

Name	Nationality
2. Ayaka	
3. Jia Yi	

Answer Question 5 in a complete sentence.

- Which city does Tommy live in?

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## Treasure Your Friends

By J.K. Yeung

Friendship is a wonderful thing in our life. Sometimes two friends are much closer than brothers and sisters. Here are some tips on how to treasure your friends:

- **Spend time with your friends.**  
Take an interest class or spend a happy evening together. You can send e-mails to your foreign friends or even visit them during holidays. You and your friends will get along better when you spend time together.
- **Care about your friends.**  
Listen to what they say patiently.

Don't turn a deaf ear to them. You should show your support when they have problems. Say something nice to them. When they share life's good moments with you, show that you are happy for them.

- **Thank your friends** when they do something for you. You can write them a card or even buy them a small present.

It is never easy to have a warm friendship. Be a good friend and you will gain a lot.

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### Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

- When was the first issue of *Kids' Monthly* published?
  - in July
  - in August
  - in September
  - in October
- What does 'turn a deaf ear to them' mean?
  - share things with your friends
  - lie to your friends
  - listen to your friends
  - pay no attention to what your friends say

### Answer Question 3 in a complete sentence.

- What can we do to thank our friends?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Fill in the blank with a word from the text.

- We can go to other countries to visit our \_\_\_\_\_ friends.



# Bank of Vocabulary



## Think Smart

### Friends Around the World

Country

Nationality

China

Chinese



## Word Fun

A. Circle the words which are NOT nationality words.

- China      Japanese      Korean
- Spanish      Canada      Australian
- French      German      Egypt
- Italian      Singapore      American
- Thai      France      British

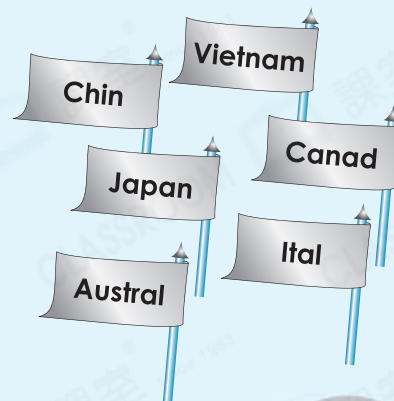
B. Write nationality words on the lines using the letters on the flags.

**-ese**

- Chinese
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**-ian**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



Visit our Online World for more vocabulary.



## Write Smart

C. Look at the flags of different countries and fill in the blanks with the words from Word Box.

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I'm Bai. I live in Seoul. I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

2



I'm Eva. I come from Oxford. I am \_\_\_\_\_.

3



I'm Lukas. I was born in Zurich. I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

4



I'm Rose. I'm from Seattle. I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

### WORD BOX

- Korean
- American
- British
- Swiss