

Unit 8 Letter



Part 1 In-depth Reading



Suggested reading time: 10 mins

Smartie's parents are working in London. Smartie is writing a letter to his dad.

3rd March, 20XX

Dear Dad,

How's life in London? I miss Mum and you so much!

I join this 'Good Children Camp' on Sunday. Today is the fourth day of the camp. I have fun here every day. I get up at seven thirty in the morning to have breakfast. We grow vegetables at nine. At noon, we have a picnic lunch at the campsite. In the afternoon, we go to the strawberry garden to pick strawberries at three thirty. We usually have dinner at six thirty in the evening. At night, we go to the reading room to read books.

I have to go now. We go to bed at nine o'clock. What time do you go to bed? Write back soon. Good night!

Love,

Smartie

Closing

Write 'Yours,', 'Love,' or 'Best wishes,' in a letter to friends or family

Date

When do you write the letter?

Greeting

- Greet the person you write to
- Begin with 'Dear' or 'Hi' + his / her name
- End with a comma

Opening paragraph

Show concern to the person

Body

Write about the main message

Ending paragraph

- Ask the person some questions
- Tell him / her to write back

Sign your name

USEFUL TIP

We can put 'in the morning', 'in the afternoon' or 'at night' after the **time** to make it clearer.

e.g. Grandma gets up at **five o'clock in the morning** (= 5 am).

ABC Choose the Best Answers

- What does Smartie write in the body of this letter?
 - A. He misses his parents.
 - B. He does many things in the camp.
 - C. He has strawberries for dinner.
 - D. He is going to bed soon.
- Which of the following may Smartie add to the ending paragraph?
 - A. 'What do you do at weekends?'
 - B. 'We have breakfast near a farm.'
 - C. 'How do you do?'
 - D. 'Thank you for your letter.'

? Answer the Questions in Short

- Who is going to read the letter? _____
- Which word in the letter means 'in a short time'? _____

🔍 Know More about the Structure

Circle the letter in the correct format.

Lucy,

This year, I join the volleyball team. I have practice on Mondays and Thursdays. It is fun!

How about you? Tell me more about your school life.

Best wishes,
Sally

6th May, 20XX

Hi Lucy,

How are you?

This year, I join the volleyball team. I have practice on Mondays and Thursdays. It is fun!

Have a nice day and see you soon!

Sally

6th May, 20XX

Dear Lucy,

How are you?

This year, I join the volleyball team. I have practice on Mondays and Thursdays. It is fun!

How about you? Tell me more about your school life.

Yours,
Sally

Part 2 Fun Text Grammar

 Suggested finishing time: 10 mins

Practical Sentence Patterns

We use ' (do / does something) + to ' to show why people do an action.

e.g. Chloe **wears mittens** to **keep her hands warm**.
 Why she wears them

Ex. Smartie is making some model trains. Rearrange the words to form correct sentences. Write the numbers in the brackets.

1  fly a kite. goes to the park Keith to
 () () () ()

2  goes to Mum buy to the market fruit.
 () () () () () ()


3  my friends. play with I to come here
 () () () () ()

4  Lucy and I exercise to fit. do keep
 () () () () () ()

Magic Grammar Points

a We use 'What time' to ask about the time when people do something.

What time	do	you / we / they	have
	does	he / she / it	dinner?

 Do NOT change 'have' to 'has' in the question.

b We can use the prepositions 'at', 'in' and 'on' to show the time.

at	noon, night, eight o'clock, half past six
in	the morning, the afternoon, the evening
on	Wednesday, Thursday, 2 nd July





'at four' =
'at four o'clock'


e.g. On Monday, Grandpa waters the flowers at ten in the morning.


Ex. Smartie is talking to Eddie. Complete their conversation with 'What time', 'in', 'on' or 'at'.


 : You look sleepy, Eddie. ① _____ do you get up today?


 : I usually go to bed ② _____ half past ten ③ _____ night and get up ④ _____ seven ⑤ _____ the morning, but I get up ⑥ _____ five this morning.


 : Oh, why? That's very early!

 : My mum's birthday is ⑦ _____ 10th March. That's today! I want to make a cake for her. I want to give her the cake before we have dinner.

 : ⑧ _____ usually have dinner?

 : We usually have dinner ⑨ _____ seven o'clock ⑩ _____ the evening.

 : Don't worry! You still have some time after school. What cake do you want to make?

 : Mum likes spicy food. She also loves eating chocolate. So, I want to make her a chilli chocolate cake!

Part 3 Getting to Write



Suggested finishing time: 15 mins



Brain Boost

Smartie's parents make a calendar about their life in London. Read the calendar and complete the table.

March						
Sun	Mon	Tue - Fri			Sat	
					1	2
3	4 Mum learns writing: 8 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Mum learns writing: 8 pm	12	13	14	15	16
17 watch a musical at the theatre: 5 pm	18 Mum learns writing: 8 pm	19	20	21	22	23 visit the museum: 10:30 am
24	25 Mum learns writing: 8 pm	26	27	28	29	30
31 go back to Hong Kong: 5:30 pm						

What to do	Time	Day / Date
get up	7:30 am	every day
have breakfast	8 am	
go to bed	10 pm	
Mum learns writing	① _____	every Monday
watch a musical	② _____	③ _____
④ _____	10:30 am	⑤ _____
⑥ _____	⑦ _____	31 st March



Let's Practise

Smartie's dad is writing a reply letter to Smartie. Complete the letter below with the help of the table.

15th March, 20XX

1 _____

I'm glad that you enjoy the camp! We're getting busy in March. We miss you too!

Every day, Mum and I 2 _____ at half past seven 3 _____ the morning. We have breakfast 4 _____ eight and then go to work. Mum is very hard-working. She goes to an English school after work 5 _____ Mondays to 6 _____ . We don't have to work at weekends, so we plan to go to the theatre to 7 _____ or visit the museum. We go to bed at ten o'clock 8 _____ every day. We're coming back to Hong Kong at half past five 9 _____ on the last day of March. What time 10 _____ (have) your Putonghua class? Can you come to the airport 11 _____ (pick) us up? We can't wait to see you!



Here's a photo I take in London. Do you know what it is? Let me tell you when I come back. Please always listen to Aunt Emily. See you soon!

12 _____

13 _____