A **friendly letter** is a letter you might write to someone you know. You might write to a friend, a sister, or a grandfather. You might write to tell the person what you have been doing. Or, you might write to cheer the other person up.

Josh wrote a letter to his grandmother. Why do you think Josh wrote this letter?



November 8

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I hope you feel better soon.

Love, Josh

Josh wrote this letter because

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Look at Josh's letter.

There is a date at the top.



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This is the greeting. The word **Dear** always begins with a capital letter.

There is always a comma after the person's name.



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This is the body of the letter.

This is the closing. The word may be different, but there is always a comma after the word.



Love, Josh

The person writing the letter always signs his or her name.

Label the parts of Lora's letter.

February 9 Dear Kathy, Thanks for your letter. I liked reading about your trip to Idaho. Now I know where my potatoes come from. I am getting ready for spring break. I will write you a letter from my sunny backyard. our friend,

Write a greeting for a friendly letter to a grandparent.

Write a closing for a friendly letter to a cousin or friend.

Pretend your class is learning about weather. You have many questions. You decide to ask someone who really knows about weather. Begin to plan a letter to Will the Weather Guy.

What kinds of weather could you ask about? List some here.

Ask an adult to help you use a newspaper or computer to check the weather forecast. What questions could you ask Will the Weather Guy about today's forecast?

Write a letter to Will the Weather Guy. Show the three parts of a friendly letter from page 73.

Look back at your letter. Did you include all three parts of a friendly letter? Are the questions in the body of your letter clear? Ask a friend to read your letter and give ideas for making it even better. Write your letter again. Send your letter as an e-mail to a real weather expert.

