

Letter Diary



Why?

There are certain conventions that are specific to letter writing. Letters are usually drafted only once, with editing and revision taking place in the author's head. Responding to students' ideas, feelings and beliefs, an important part of language learning, occurs in letter diaries.

How?

Students choose someone to whom they write a letter. Beginning writers who should be encouraged to write to older correspondents, buddies, or pen pals, may read their letters aloud.

The correspondent replies, ideally using appropriate structures and conventions to demonstrate form using conventional spellings and responding to the student's meaning.

Letter Diary may occur daily or weekly, depending on class numbers and time available.