

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Lesson 3

Learning about informal letters through the story of Goldilocks

I know it's hard to believe, but I actually became great friends with Goldilocks

I'm the first to admit that she did drive me mad coming into our cottage and making such a mess. But once she apologised so nicely in her letter (well your letter as you will be writing it), I just had to forgive her.

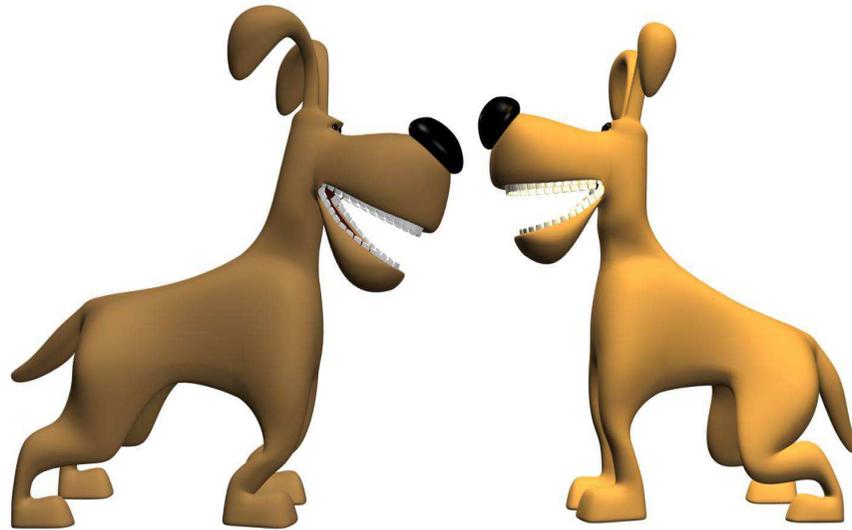
She ALSO has a smartphone with some great songs on it including *The Wheels on the Bus* which Baby Bear LOVES!



Pupils will work in pairs for this lesson. There is a pair work booster activity on the next page that can be used before the start of the pair work. This will get pair work off to a great start.

Pupils will learn more about how they work as a partner if they give (and are given) feedback on how they worked as a partner.

To do this, a feedback page is included at the end of this lesson.



Pair Work Booster Activity

You are going to work with a partner on some activities about *informal letters*.

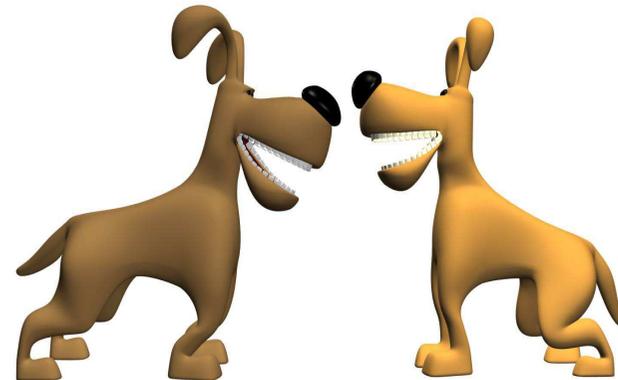
- Before you start, look at these rules for being a good talk partner.

How to be a good talk partner

- **Give** your partner time to think
- **Listen** to what your partner is saying
- **Let** your partner have their own viewpoint



Now **add** one more rule of your own to this list.



Pair Work Activity

Imagine that you are Goldilocks. You are going to write a letter to the three bears apologising for breaking into their house, eating their porridge and destroying their things.

Letters that are written to someone that we know are called **informal** letters. Look at this list of features for **informal** letters:

Features of informal letters	
	Informal letters are sent to someone that the writer knows .
	When you are writing an informal letter, it may help to imagine that you are talking to the person. This means that you can use words such as: <i>don't, won't, I'm or isn't</i> .
	Informal letters start in an informal way - such as: <i>Hi there bears!</i> They finish with an informal ending such as: <i>Hope to see you in the woods soon!</i>
	Because they are written in an informal way they also can include exclamation marks, for example: <i>I promise you bears that I will never EVER do that again!</i>

- Look at the next page which tells you how to set your letter out.

- This is how to set out your letter:

1	An informal greeting to the three bears
2	The reason why you are writing to them.
3	The main point of your letter - your apology
4	Any other things you want to say
5	An informal ending
6	Your name - <i>Goldilocks</i>

- Now write your letter to the three bears apologising for breaking into their house, eating their porridge and destroying their things. You can use the template on the next page as a guide.

Dear	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
Love Goldilocks	6

Now you are going to look at a letter that **Mummy Bear** sent to Goldilocks. Imagine that after receiving Goldilocks' apology, the bears and Goldilocks became great friends. She often went for tea at their cottage.

You are going to look at a letter that Mummy Bear wrote to Goldilocks. A letter that you write to a friend is also an **informal** letter.

The letter that was sent to Goldilocks got **mixed up**. You are going to put it in the **correct** order.

- Reminder: This is the **order** that an **informal** letter should be written in.

1	An informal greeting: <i>Hello...</i>
2	An introductory paragraph: <i>I hope you are enjoying the sunshine.</i>
3	The main point of the letter: <i>I am writing to you because...</i>
4	Other information: <i>Enjoy school this week.</i>
5	An informal ending : <i>Buy for now!</i>
6	The sender's name : <i>Mummy Bear</i>

- You are going to put a letter that Mummy Bear wrote to Goldilocks in the correct order. Look at the next page.

1. Put the six parts of this letter in the correct order by numbering them 1-6:

a	Say hello to your family! Lots of love
b	I'm making some cakes on Saturday, so if you'd like to come for tea, then we'd love to see you. Remember to tell your mum where you are going this time, or she'll be worried!
c	Hi Goldilocks!
d	Mummy Bear
e	It was so nice of you to drop in and see us the other day. We can't tell you how happy we were to see you.
f	We have repaired the chair, and Baby Bear has recovered from his crying fit. We had to make him some more porridge of course, and remake all the beds, but we did have a laugh about it all afterwards. However, I don't know when Daddy Bear will be back in a good mood!

Sometimes when you finish a letter, you suddenly remember something that you have **forgotten** to put in the letter. Remember that you can **add** something to a letter, even after you finish it.

This is called a **postscript** (usually written as **P.S.**).

- Look at a postscript for the letter from Mummy Bear to Goldilocks:

P.S.

Oops - I forgot to say that when you come to tea, can you bring your smartphone with those children's songs on it. Baby Bear wants to sing *The Wheels on the Bus* again!



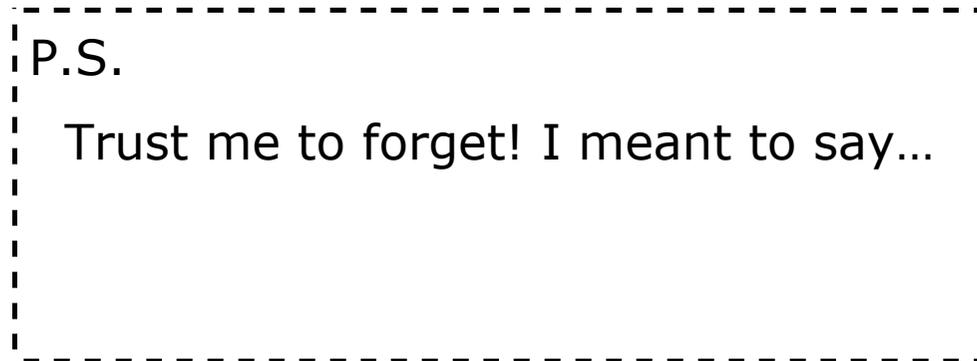
2. Write a postscript for the letter from Mummy Bear to Goldilocks, **reminding** Goldilocks at what **time** tea will be ready.



3. Write a postscript for the letter from Mummy Bear to Goldilocks, where Mummy Bear **remembers** an **important** piece of news.



4. **Finish** this postscript for the letter from Mummy Bear to Goldilocks.



P.S.
Trust me to forget! I meant to say...

5. **Match** the **letter descriptions** and **postscripts** below. One has been done to help you.

a	a letter from the Giant to Jack	P.S. I went for a walk in the woods today and saw a lovely little cottage - but I didn't go in this time in case there was a witch in it"
b	a letter from the Prince to Cinderella	P.S. Did you know that the old woman who gave me the poisoned apple was really my evil stepmother in disguise?
c	a letter from Sleeping Beauty to the Prince	P.S. I forgot to mention you left your glass slipper on the palace steps when you left.
d	a letter from Snow White to the Seven Dwarfs	a P.S. By the way, I've bought a pet dragon now to guard the beanstalk, so don't even think of climbing it again!
e	a letter from Hansel to Gretel	P.S. Thank you for waking me up. If you hadn't, I would have slept for another 100 years!

Pair Feedback Activity

Design a feedback form similar to this one. Complete it and give it to your partner with feedback about the last activity.

Talk Partner Feedback Slip	
To	
I enjoyed working with you as a talk partner because...	
From	
THANK YOU!	