

# Message in a Bottle

Oral Language Activity



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## Text:

Sophie and her mum were taking a walk on the beach on their summer holidays. Sophie was paddling in the water when she saw a glass bottle.

She saw that there was a sheet of paper inside. She asked her mum if she could pick it up.

When Mum opened the bottle, she took out the sheet - it was a letter!

She could not believe it. Let's see what the letter said...



No.56 Oak Tree Street,  
Palm Beach,  
California,  
America.

Ahoy there!

My name is Tom. I live in America. I live by the ocean with my mom, my dad and my sister Sally. I am 7 years old, I have brown hair and brown eyes.

I love to play basketball and I love to listen to music. My favourite subject in school is art. I am in the second grade.

I cannot wait to hear where you opened my letter and who you are!  
Today is July 5<sup>th</sup> 2015.

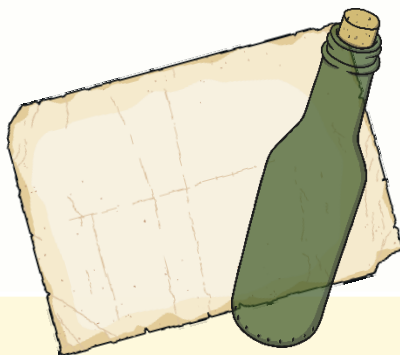
Please write a letter back to me, maybe we could be pen pals?

From  
Tom Reilly



# Question

1. How do you think Sophie felt when they read the message in the bottle?
2. Have you ever found a message in a bottle?
3. Are there any words that Tom used that are different to how we might say something?
4. Why do you think people sent letters in a bottle in the past?
5. Who might have sent letters in bottles?
6. Do you think it is a good way to send a message? Why? Why not?
7. Do you think that Tom would be sad if he never got a letter back?



# Activity

Sophie needs to write a letter back to Tom to tell him that she found his message in a bottle!

Can you help her write a letter back to Tom?



- Work in pairs to write a letter back to Tom and share your letter with your class.
- Tell Tom where Sophie might have found the bottle and what date she found it!



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