

Activity 4 – Writing to share ideas

Write a letter or card

What to do

- Talk about the people you know who you haven't seen for a while. Explain that we have lots of ways to communicate when we can't visit people, but one lovely way is to send a letter or card. Who would love to hear from us/has a special day coming up?
- Spend some time talking about the person you are going to write to and the sorts of things they would like to read about.
- Write the letter or card together, taking turns to write. Don't worry if your child only writes a few words; they can dictate more ideas for you to write for them.
- Read the letter together and talk about how the receiver will feel when they get the letter.

What you need

- Pens and pencils
- Paper or special writing set or card



Extension

- Post your card or letter, writing the address on and explaining what the stamp is for. (Photograph it before you send it if your child wants to 'keep' a copy.)
- Write and send letters between people in your house or toys or pets. Appoint your child as the postman/lady.
- Set up a letter-writing box, with paper, pens and envelopes for your child to play with and explore independently.

Questions to ask

- Who could we send a letter or card to?
- When do we get cards?
- How will our letter get to them?
- How do we start a letter/card?
- What will they like to hear about? Can we put it in a sentence to hear what it sounds like?
- What questions could we ask them?
- Is there a greeting we should use?
- How should we end the letter? Can you sign your name?