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Dear Mum and Dad,

I am having such a wonderful time in California and couldn't wait to write to you and tell you about all of the amazing things I have been doing with Thomas and his family.

Last week, we went on a trip to the Golden Gate Bridge. I was astonished to learn that the bridge isn't golden at all but red. It was enormous and it took us ages to carefully walk across. Mr Jeffrey told me that it took 4 years to build and that each year 10 million people visit it. I have taken lots of photographs and have enclosed one with this letter.

Yesterday, we went to the San Diego zoo and saw so many interesting animals including leopards, meerkats and monkeys but my favourite animal had to be the pandas. When they were sat down munching on bamboo they looked so cute. There was even a baby panda and everyone crowded round trying to see it. I purchased a panda notebook from the gift shop and I have been writing down lots of facts about pandas.

Since I have been here, the weather has been very hot and sunny. Mrs Jeffrey says I must be a good luck charm because we haven't had any rain at all. Thomas and I have had some sleepovers in the treehouse in his garden and I must say I have never eaten so many toasted marshmallows in my life. What a delightful time we are all having!

How is everyone back in England? Has Arthur been going in my room? If he's made a mess, I will be cross.

I miss you all and hope you write back quickly.

Love,
Stanley

Purpose: To tell the reader about what you have been doing

Key features



Structural:

- Address and date in the top right corner
- Start with 'dear'
- Paragraphs about what they have been doing
- End with 'love from'

Language:

- Past tense, e.g. we went
- Adverbials of time, e.g. Last week
- Conjunctions, e.g. because
- Questions, e.g. How is everyone back in England?



Writer's toolbox

Subordinating conjunctions:

- When* it rains, put on a coat.
- If* you are hungry, grab a bite to eat.
- It was great *because* there was so much to see.

Question marks and exclamation marks:

- Use question marks to mark questions:
How is everyone?
- Use exclamation marks to mark exclamations: *What a wonderful day we had!*

Punctuation:

- Remember to use a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and for proper nouns.
- Remember to use full stops.

Vocabulary:

- Astonished
- Enormous
- Enclosed
- Munching
- Purchased
- Delightful

Recommended reads

