

WRITING | Personal letter

1 In groups, ask about how you prefer to communicate personal news in writing. Use the ideas below to help you.

- a letter
- a postcard
- a text message
- an email
- instant messages, e.g. Messenger

How many times have you written a letter to a friend in the last month?

2 Look at the letter that Daria sent to Hanif and tick the true statements.

- 1 She tells Hanif her news.
- 2 She starts each new topic with a new paragraph.
- 3 She uses questions and imperatives to communicate more directly with her reader.
- 4 She doesn't say anything about Hanif's life.
- 5 She gives a reason why she can't write anymore.
- 6 She writes in a formal written style.

7th November

Dear Hanif,

Where have you been recently? Have the aliens finally come and taken you away to their planet? Or have you been playing so many computer games that you haven't had enough time to answer your friends' emails?!

It's too late to send me an email, anyway, 'cause I'm staying with my uncle and aunt in the country. I've been here since Friday, and I'm going to stay until the end of the month.

It's wonderful here! So quiet and peaceful! The only thing is there are no computers! And I can't even use my mobile! The signal strength is too low. That's why I'm writing you this letter - I think it's the first time I've written a letter for more than a year!

Why don't you come down here for the weekend? And bring Neil with you!

I've heard that you've bought a new phone. Tell me all about it! I've been thinking of getting a new one, but I can't decide which one to buy.

Anyway, I've got to stop now. My uncle's going into town and he's going to post this for me. Write me a letter if you still remember how to use a pen! OK? I want to hear all your news.

Best wishes,
Daria

