

A Books To Treasure Lesson Starter: How to Write a Letter

Book: [*It Came in the Mail*](#) by Ben Clanton

In a Nutshell: Who doesn't love to get mail?! Ben Clanton's picture book *It Came in the Mail* celebrates the delight of receiving something special in your mailbox. While the book considers fantastical mail possibilities, this Books To Treasure Lesson Starter offers tips and tricks for students to learn how to Write a Letter.

Do This: Read the book to your students, talking about receiving items (especially letters!) in the mail. Talk with the students about what you might write in a letter. Would you tell a story? How about share a funny memory? Encourage your students to think about what they'd like to share with a friend or a loved one in their letter.

Use This Printable: Prepare a copy of the printable for each student to write their own letter. Talk about the parts of the letter, including WHO we're writing to, what story we're telling the person we're writing to, what we'd like to share with the person we're writing to (and how a story and sharing might be different: See number 4 in this series!) and remembering our own name at the bottom!