PROGRESSION OF GENRE FEATURES

LETTERS



	Text Structure	Sentence	Useful Vocabulary	Word Classes	Punctuation
YEAR 1	Ideas grouped in sentences in time sequence.	Sentences using simple pronouns and connectives.	 Dear From I like I went I saw It was My favourite They were There was Next Then First After And, but, so, when 	Noun Noun Regular plural nouns with 'er' Verbs Third person, first person singular. Ending added to verbs where there is change to root. Simple past tense 'ed' Adjectives Add 'er' and 'est' to adjectives where no change is needed to root word. Connectives/conjunctions Join words and sentences using and/then. Tense Simple past tense 'ed'.	 Use spaces to separate words. Begin to use full stops. Begin to use exclamation marks. Begin to use exclamation marks. Capital letters for start of sentence, names, personal pronouns. Read words with contractions.

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YEAR 2	 Brief introduction and conclusion. Written in the past tense. Main ideas organized in groups. Using sequencing techniques – time related words. 	 Subject/verb sentences e.g. I think We want Some modal verbs introduced e.g. would, could, should. Use simple adverbs e.g. yesterday, today. Use simple noun phrases e.g. red shoes 	 And, then, but, so, when. Dear Mr/Mrs Dear Sir/Madam Yours Sincerely Yours faithfully Later Afterwards After that Eventually I would like to We felt 	 Noun Form nouns using suffixes and compounding. Expanded noun phrases for description. Add 'es' to nouns. Progressive form of verbs in the past and present tense. Add 'es', 'ed' and 'ing' to verbs. Add 'er' and 'est' to adjectives where no change is needed to root word. Connectives/conjunctions Subordination – when, if, that, because Coordination – or, and, but. Tense Correct and consistent use of past and present tense. Adverbs 'ly' added to adjective to form adverb. 	 Use spaces that reflect the size of the letters. Use full stops correctly. Use question marks correctly. Use exclamation marks correctly. Use capital letters correctly. Apostrophes for contractions. Possessive apostrophes for singular nouns. Commas to separate items in lists.

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Clear introduction. Points about the visit/issu Organised into paragraphs denoted by time/place. Topic sentences. Some letter layout feature included.	 Some complex sentences using when, if, as etc. Tense consistent e.g. modal 	 While, if, as, when. I would like to inform you that It has come to my attention that Thank you for I hope that 	Noun Form nouns using prefixes. Nouns and pronouns used to avoid repetition. Verbs Present perfect forms of verbs instead of 'the' Adjectives Choose appropriate adjectives. Connectives/conjunctions Express time and cause (when, so, before, after, while, because) Tense Correct and consistent use of past and present tense. Adverbs Introduce/revise adverbs. Express time and cause; then, next, soon.	 Introduce possessive apostrophes for plural nouns. Introduce inverted commas.

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YEAR 4	 Clear introduction and conclusion. Links between key ideas in the letter. Paragraphs organized correctly into key ideas. All letter layout features included. 	 Variation in sentence structures e.g. While we were at the park As we arrived Use embedded/relative clauses e.g. Mrs Holt, who was very angry The tiger, that was pacing Include adverbs to show how often e.g. additionally, frequently, rarely. 	 As I stated earlier Referring to This is an unfortunate It is with regret I would be grateful if It is with regret that I look forward to hearing from you in due course. Use modal verbs to hint future action or possibilities e.g. should, would, could. 	 Noun Nouns and pronouns used for clarity and cohesion. Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases. Verbs Standard English forms for verbs. Adjectives Choose appropriate adjectives Connectives/conjunctions Use a wide range of connectives. Tense Correct use of past and present tense. Adverbs Know what an adverbial phrase is. Fronted adverbials Comma after fronted adverbials. 	 Apostrophe to mark singular and plural possession. Commas after fronted adverbials. Use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech.

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YEAR 5	 Developed introduction and conclusion using all the letter layout features. Paragraphs developed with prioritized information. Purpose of letter clear and transparent for reader. Formal language used throughout to engage the reader. 	 Sentence length varied e.g short/long. Active and passive voice used deliberately to heighten engagement. e.g. the café chairs were broken. Wide range of subordinate connectives e.g. whilst, until, despite. Complex sentences that use well known economic expression. e.g Because of their courageous efforts, all the passengers were saved, which was nothing short of a miracle. 	 I appreciate Whilst we were waiting Your concern Until this is resolved Despite speaking to the duty manager This is a disgrace Unfortunately Many other people also I am delighted to inform you that 	 Noun Locate and identify expanded noun phrases. Verbs Use modal verbs. Prefixes for verbs; dis, de, mis, over, ise, ify. Convert adjectives in verbs using suffixes; ate, ise, ify. Adjectives Choose appropriate adjectives Connectives/conjunctions Use a wide range of connectives. Tense Change tense according to features of the genre. Adverbs Know what an adverbial phrase is. Fronted adverbials Comma after fronted adverbials. Adverbials of time, place and number. 	 Consolidate all previous learning. Brackets Dashes Colons Semi colons

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YEAR 6	 Letter well constructed that answers the reader's questions. The writer understands the impact and thinks about the response. Information is prioritized according to importance and a frame of response set up for the reply. 	 Verb forms are controlled and precise e.g. It would be helpful if you could let me know as this will enable us to take further action. Modifiers are used to intensify or qualify e.g. insignificant amount, exceptionally Sentence length and type varied according to purpose. Fronted adverbials used to clarify writers position e.g. As a consequence of your actions Complex noun phrases used to add detail e.g. the dilapidated fencing around the enclosure was extremely dangerous. Prepositional phrases used cleverly. e.g. In the event of a fire 	 Please do not hesitate to contact me An early response would be greatly appreciated Please accept my I wish to express The impact of Despite continued efforts Subsequently 	Noun Expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely. Verbs Use modal verbs. Prefixes for verbs; dis, de, mis, over, ise, ify. Convert adjectives in verbs using suffixes; ate, ise, ify. Adjectives Choose appropriate adjectives Connectives/conjunctions Use a wide range of connectives. Tense Change tense according to features of the genre. Adverbs Link ideas across a text using cohesive devices such as adverbials.	Use a wide range of punctuation throughout the writing.