



Send a Letter

Write an invitation to a friend, add a drawing, address the envelope, and place it in a mailbox for a real letter-sending experience.

Helps Your Child Grow



Print and Alphabet Knowledge

With your guidance, your child notices the words and numbers on envelopes and mailboxes and begins to understand how written information is organized in different places.

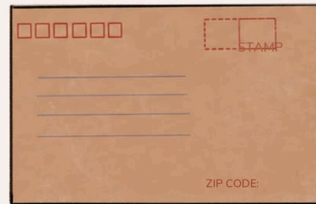


Relationships with Other Children

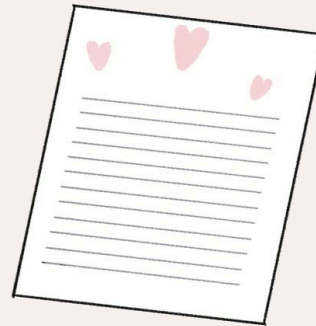
Writing, drawing, and mailing an invitation gives your child a concrete way to show that they miss a friend and want to play together.



What You'll Need



Envelope



Writing
Paper



Postage
Stamp

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1. Envelope
2. letter paper
3. stamp



Create the Invitation

Write a letter with your child inviting a friend to play. You can add the time and place while your child makes a drawing. They might draw where everyone will play or show themselves having fun with the friend.

Observations

- Draws or writes with a clear purpose
- Shows curiosity about writing and mailing a letter

Tips

- Mailing letters may be unfamiliar to your child. Compare a letter to a package that travels to an address, and compare its message to a text you send someone.
- If your child can write simple numbers or letters, invite them to add a detail such as the date or place. This gives them a more active role in creating the invitation.



How to Address an Envelope

Write the recipient's name and address in the center.

Place the stamp in the upper-right corner.

RETURN ADDRESS
Alex Reed
45 Oak Avenue
Seattle, WA 98109

STAMP

Maya Green
123 Maple Street
Portland, OR 97205

Add your return address in the upper-left corner.

The ZIP code helps the mail reach the right area.

Address the Envelope

When the letter is ready, let your child fold it and place it inside the envelope. Explain that the information on the envelope helps the letter reach the friend's home. As you write, point out what belongs in each position.

Observations

- Explains, with your help, what different parts of the envelope are for
- Places the letter inside the envelope

Tips

- A ZIP Code helps the postal service identify the area for an address. Look up your own ZIP Code together and find the area it represents.



Mail the Letter

Find a nearby mailbox and let your child place the letter inside. Read the collection time and mailing instructions together. A few days later, contact the friend's family and ask whether the letter arrived.

Observations

- Recognizes some letters or words on the mailbox
- Shows excitement about inviting a friend to play

Tips

- Invite your child to find familiar letters or numbers on the mailbox, then explain what the other information means.