

English

This task is based on 'Tom's Midnight Garden'. You need to have listened to the story so far.

Task

Imagine you are Tom, write a letter to Peter.

You could:

- Describe what it is like living with Aunt Gwen and Uncle Alan
- Tell Peter about the garden. Explain how and when you get there. Describe the garden. Describe what happened to the tree.
- Tell Peter about the people you have seen in the garden – Abel the gardener, the severe looking woman, the maid, Hubert, James, Edgar and Hatty.
- Tell Peter how you feel about not being able to talk to anyone in the garden.

Remember to:

- Begin your letter with 'Dear Peter'
- Organise your letter into paragraphs – start a new paragraph for a new topic or idea
- Use adverbials for time, place or how to link your paragraphs together
- Use an informal chatty style
- Talk directly to your reader
- Sign your letter - Tom
- Mark it as private and confidential! – you want to keep the garden a secret!

Below is an example of an informal letter from another context.

Greeting	To Billy,
Introduction 1 st person	I am sorry for not writing sooner. Honestly, I've been meaning to contact you ever since you moved away and I shouldn't have taken so long.
Paragraph – ask how are you?	How is your new house? You're probably still getting used to the smaller bedroom. I hope you've managed to unpack everything now. Somewhere nearby, is there a park you're allowed to go to? No way will the equipment be as exciting as where we used to hang out, I bet!
Time adverbial Paragraphs for each idea	At night, when I'm on my own, I keep wondering whether you would've had to move if your mum hadn't found out what we were doing. She said that moving away was for your own good but I don't see how it can be good to make you leave immediately with no explanation. We were so close to the source of the truth too. There's still something strange about that scratching noise, which we kept hearing, coming from the woods.
Adverbial for place Talk directly to reader Time adverbial Informal, chatty style	Even if it was you that first suggested exploring near the cemetery, you didn't have to persuade me. We were such a great team though you and me. I made my own decision so don't blame yourself. I still reckon we'd have been fine if the thunder and lightning hadn't started. Eventually, in the mud and the darkening night, the trail out of that place just seemed to disappear.
Conclusion Senders name or signature	I miss you all even that little sister of yours! Please apologise to your mum for everything that happened but don't tell her that I'm definitely still determined to uncover the secret of the hooded gardener and the stolen animals. Got to go now. Hope we get to see each other again sometime soon. Write back if you can. From your best mate (forever), Greg