

Hello from Canada

(Friendly Letter)

Making the Reading- Writing Connection

1. Read the friendly letter from beginning to end.
2. Then, read the letter again. Pay attention to the highlighted words.
3. The highlighted words focus on what the author considered when writing different parts of the letter.
4. There are notes in the left margin to help you think about **making your words work** when you write a friendly letter.

Letter



Making your words work



Date when the letter was written.

Salutation.

First paragraph tells why the letter was written.

Sounds like a friendly conversation.

Paragraphs include personal information.

Hello from Canada

September 4, 2005

Dear Cousins,

What a great time I had visiting all of you in Sri Lanka for the first time. It took us a long, long time to get home because you are so far away. **I miss all of you but it is too hot over there!** Canada is not so hot.

I could not believe how beautiful Sri Lanka was. **Remember when we went to the beach?** We went on a boat with the glass bottom and we went far out in the ocean and we could see fish and turtles. We even got to see that sunken ship! Boy that was great!

I think the most fun I had was the day we went to the Buddhist temple. It was so big! When I was praying to the gods I saw an elephant praying to the other gods. He was praying with his trunk up in the air. **And remember when we laughed at the monkeys who lived in the temple?** They were stealing

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the fruit from the dishes that the people had left.

When do you think you can come to my home? I hope it is soon. When you come my mom will make the hot spicy rice that you like so you will feel at home. I really miss you all.

Closing.

From your cousin,

Signature.

Abishma



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