

How to Write a Fan Letter (Preteen)

A fan letter is a nice way of letting a famous person know that you like what they do or that you look up to them. Your letter should tell the person your name, why you like them, and how they have touched your life. You may not get a...

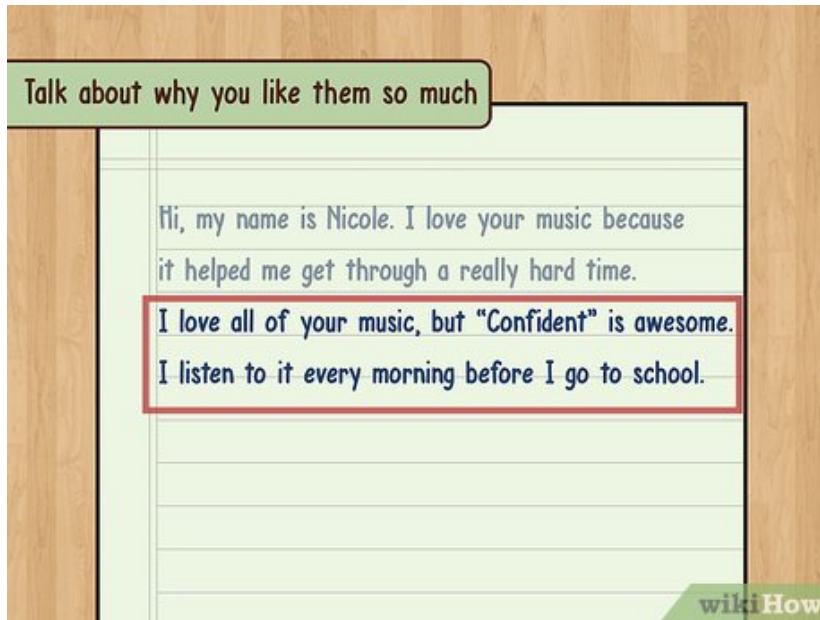
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Writing Your Letter



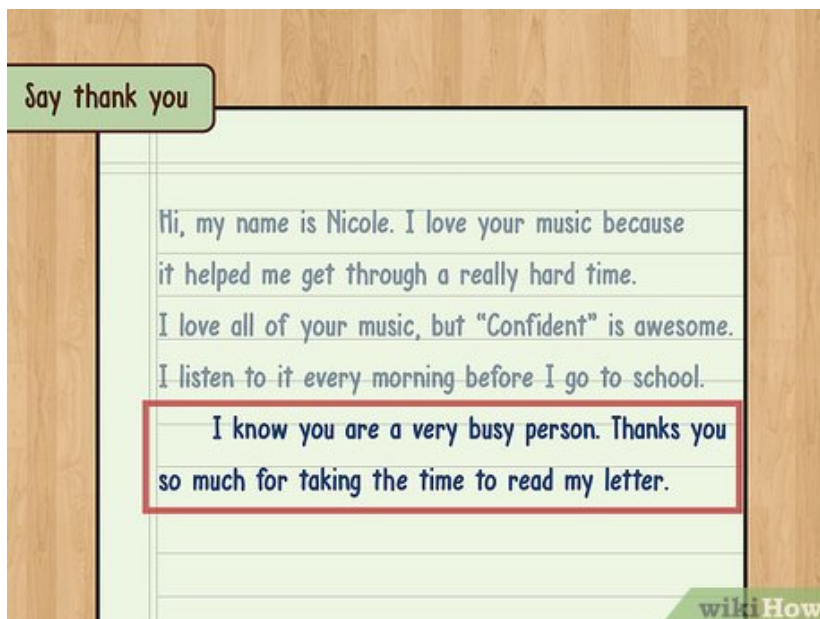
Introduce yourself. At the beginning of the letter, tell the person your name and why you are writing to them. Do you like their music or their movies? Do you look up to them and want to be like them? Did they help you deal with a problem you were having? Be honest and express your true feelings.^[1]

1. You may say, 'Hi, my name is Nicole. I love your music because it helped me get through a really hard time.'
2. You could say, 'Hi, my name is Alex. I play basketball, and I want to be a great player like you one day.'
3. You may say, 'Hey, I'm Michael. You are my favorite author, and I have read all of your books!'



Talk about why you like them so much. Once you introduce yourself, tell the person why you like them so much. Go into more detail about they have affected your life. Be honest and be as specific as possible.

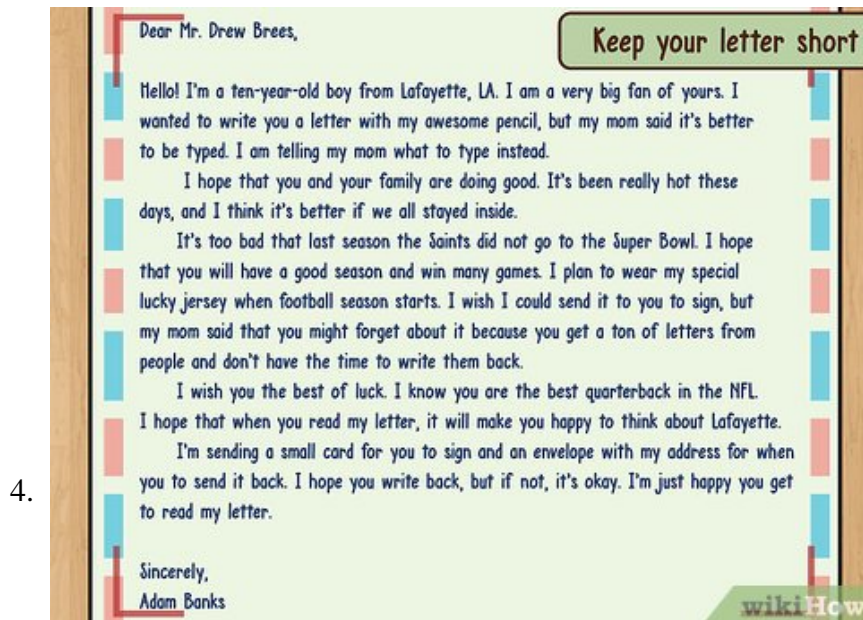
1. If you were writing to your favorite athlete, you may say, 'I watch all of your games on TV. I was so excited when you guys made it to the playoffs.'
2. If you are writing to your favorite singer, you may say, 'I love all of your music, but 'Confident' is awesome. I listen to it every morning before I go to school.'
3. If you were writing to your favorite author, you may say, 'Hermione is my favorite character. I can relate to her so much.'



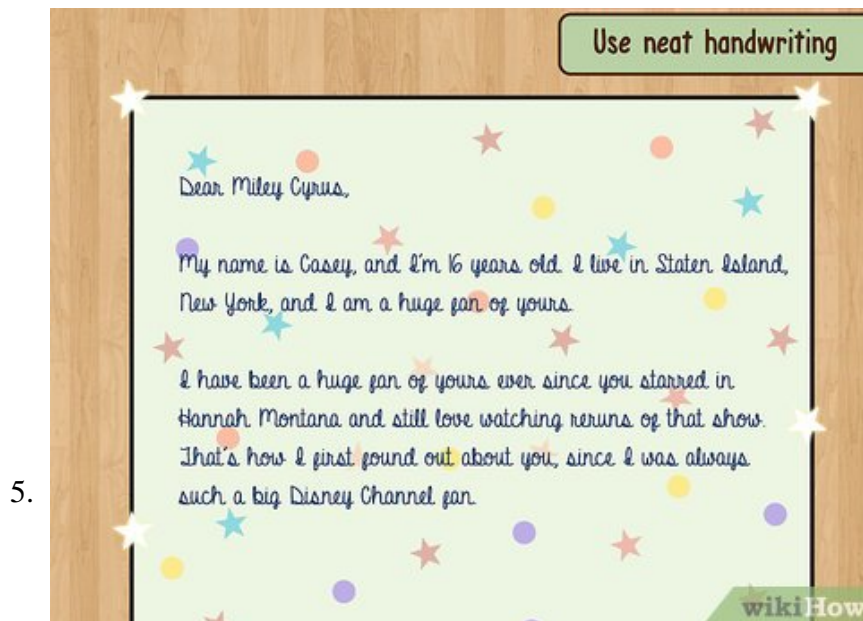
Say thank you. End your letter by thanking the person for what they do and for taking the time to read your letter. You should also include your contact information at the end of the letter just in case the person wants to write back to you.^[2]

1. You can say, 'Thanks for reading my letter and for making great music.'

2. You may also say, 'I know you are a very busy person. Thanks you so much for taking the time to read my letter.'
3. Your contact information should include your name, address, city, state, and zip code.



Keep your letter short. Famous people get a ton of fan letters. They are more likely to read a short letter. Try to keep your letter to one page or less.



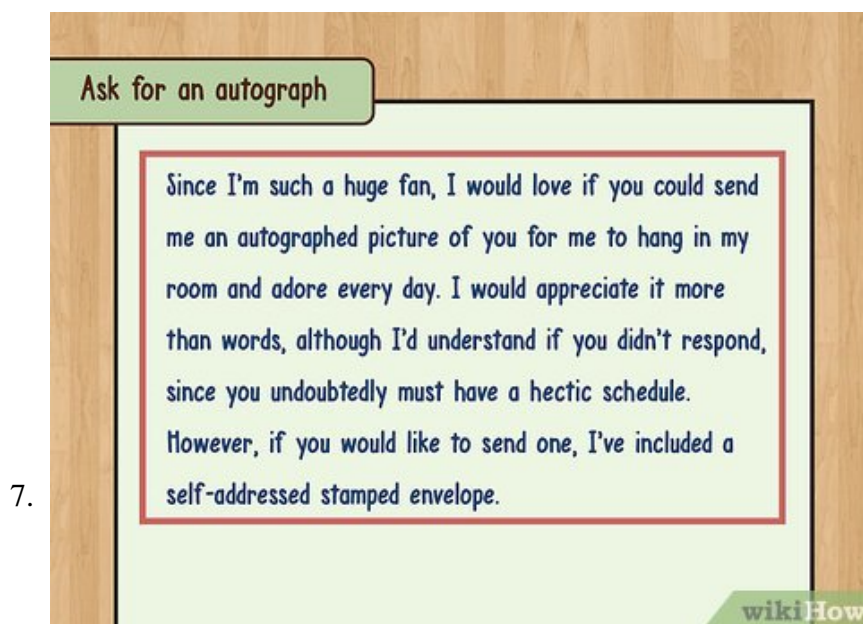
Use neat handwriting. Take your time when writing the letter. You want the person to be able to actually read what you wrote. If your handwriting is not that good, you can type the letter instead.

1. Have someone else read the letter to make sure that your handwriting is clear and easy to understand. Also have this person proofread your grammar.



Decorate your letter or envelope. Add some of your personality to the letter by decorating the letter with stickers or small drawings. Use colored paper or write in colored ink. Include a nice drawing as a gift.

1. Celebrities sometimes display creative fan art or letters on their social media pages. You may get a nice shout out if you put some extra effort in.



Ask for an autograph. There is no guarantee that you will receive one, but it does not hurt to ask. You can send a photo that you would like the person to sign. Do not send anything that you would be sad about not getting back.^[3]

1. If you only have one of something, make a copy and send the copy instead of the original. This way, you will not be upset if you do not get it back.
2. You do not have to send something for the person to autograph. You can just say, 'I would love an autographed picture of you' or 'Could you please send me an autographed picture?'

3. Always be polite when you ask and never demand that they send you an autograph. Do not say, "Send me an autograph after you read this letter," or "You better respond or you won't be my favorite anymore."
4. Do not be upset if you do not get an autograph back. It has nothing to do with you. They are very busy people and cannot respond to every request.



Talk to an adult. Ask your parent, teacher, or a trusted adult to help you with your letter. If you want to be more independent, write the letter first and then have an adult read it. Ask them for suggestions to improve your letter.

1. An adult can also help you with finding the contact information and sending the letter.

Method 2 of 3:

Sending Your Letter



1.

Find their contact information. The best place to find contact information is on a personal website. Read the information carefully. Some celebrities have a special address for fan mail. If you cannot find an address for the person, you may be able to find the address of their manager.

1. Some celebrities have an official website and an official fan club website. Use the address from the official website only.^[4]



2.

Address the envelope. Write your name, address, city, state, zip code, and country name in the top left corner of the envelope. Write the celebrities address in the bottom right corner of the envelope. Be sure to include the name of the country if you are sending international mail. Double check that you have the right address.

1. Always write your address on the envelope. If there is an issue with the letter, the post office can return it to you. The format of the address will depend on the country you are sending it to.

2. If you were writing to a person in the United States, Joe Celeb, 100 Famous Dr., New York, NY 12345, USA.
3. If you were writing to a person in France, Joe Celeb, 100 avenue Famous, 75008 Paris, France.
4. If you were writing to a person in South Africa, Joe Celeb 100 Famous Dr., Pretoria, 0001, South Africa.
5. If you asked for an autograph, include a self-addressed envelope with your letter. This will make it easier for them to reply back to you.



Have enough postage. Place your letter in the addressed envelope to send it. Make sure you have enough stamps on the letter. If you do not have enough stamps, the post office will not deliver your letter.^[5]

1. Check with a parent to see if you have enough postage.
2. If your letter is thick and/or heavy or being mailed overseas, you will probably need more than one stamp.



Do not expect a response. Send the letter because you want to express how you feel about the celebrity. They cannot respond to every single letter that they get. Do not be sad or take it personally if they do not respond.^[6]

1. If you do get a response, it probably will take weeks for it to arrive.

Method 3 of 3:

Contacting through Other Methods



Use social media. Most celebrities use social media platforms like Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, and Facebook. You are much more likely to get a response using one of these methods. Reply to a post, send a direct message, or comment on a picture.^[7]

1. Check their social media pages to see if they interact with their fans. Try to use the same methods as fans that have gotten a response. If you notice that the person replies more on Twitter than on Facebook, then Twitter is the best route to go.



Send an email. Some people may prefer emails instead of receiving letters in the mail. Check their website to see if they have an email address listed for fan mail. Your email should include the same information as a handwritten letter, but it should be shorter.^[8]

1. Limit your emails to 4 or 5 sentences.



Do not be annoying. There are many ways that you can contact people these days. It is tempting to use all of the methods to increase your chances of getting a response. However, this will actually make you look like a weirdo.

1. If you send an email, do not send a handwritten letter as well.
2. Do not send a direct message on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook at the same time.
3. If you contact a person too much, you decrease your chances of getting a reply.

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