

新教材B1U1 Reading for writing A Letter of Advice

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Why is the boy so sad?



What advice would you give to Min Ho?

New message

To

Subject

My name is Min Ho from Seoul. I am 15 years old. I have a problem. There is a girl I like in my class, but I'm too shy to tell her. Please help me!

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1 Susan Luo, an adviser for teenagers, has received a letter asking for some advice. Read her reply and discuss the questions.

Date

10 September 2018

Greeting

Dear Worried Friend,

Body

You wrote that you are very worried about your friend, Chen Lei. I understand quite well that you are anxious and feel terrible. You think that your friend plays computer games too often and spends too much time online.

I recommend that you talk to your friend about his **behaviour**. It is not unusual for **teenagers** of your **generation** to be **attracted** to computer games and the online world. But spending too much time online is unhealthy and makes it very difficult to **focus** on other things in life. Some students even become addicted to the Internet and cannot concentrate on school and family life. I think you should encourage your friend to try new hobbies. Why not discuss the problem together? I am sure he will listen to you, since you are his good friend.

Close

All the best,

Signature

Susan Luo



Read the letter and answer the following questions.

Q 1: What is the purpose of paragraph 1?

Q 2: What is the worried friend's problem?

Q 3: Can the sentence “I understand quite well that you are anxious and feel terrible” be deleted (删除) ?

Q 4: What advice does Susan Luo give?

Q 5: Do you think her advice is useful? Why or why not?

Q 6: What expressions (表达) does Susan Luo use?

Q 7: What other advice would you give?

Tips on how to write a letter of advice.

Beginning: describe the problem clearly and briefly.
(offer comfort and understanding)

Body: give advice and its supporting details.
(Don't give advice that's not related to the problem.)
give comfort and encouragement.

Ending: offer your good wishes.

Work in groups and write a letter of advice to help Min Ho.

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2 Draft your letter according to the outline below.

Write the date and greet the reader.

Show the reader that you know what the problem is.

Tell the reader that you understand how he/she feels.

Tell the reader what you think he/she should do.

Explain your reason(s).

Tell the reader what you think will happen.

Close and sign the letter.

Dear _____,

You wrote that _____.

I understand that _____.

I think _____.

because _____. I am sure

that _____.

Best wishes,

Use the the checklist and decide whether it is a good writing.

Are all the parts of a letter included and organized in a good order?

Does the writer give reasons for the advice?

Does the writer give the proper expressions to give suggestions?\

Does the writer use commas and stops correctly?

Is the handwriting easy to read?

Assignment:

Write a letter of advice to help Lisa. Here is her problem.

Dear Miss Wang,

I am having some trouble with my classmates at the moment. I'm getting along well with a boy in my class. We often do homework together and we enjoy helping each other. We have become really good friends. But other students have started gossiping. They say that this boy and I have fallen in love. This has made me angry. I don't want to end the friendship, but I hate others gossiping. What should I do?

Yours,

Lisa

Thank you for your listening.