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# Letter Writing Day

Mrs. Flair was a stickler for tradition. It was 2015, and she believed the art of hand writing a friendly letter should be passed on to future generations. "People are so caught up in email these days, folks may forget how to write the proper friendly letter," declared Mrs. Flair. I was skeptical. Writing a letter to someone these days via snail mail seemed ancient! We listened to our teacher anyway and began our assignments. It turns out writing a friendly letter has a few more steps to remember than composing an email, but I think I may enjoy sending some snail mail after all.

## Grammar Practice

Write the proper verb tense on the line.

listened

listening

listen

We \_\_\_\_\_ to our teacher anyway and began our assignment.

We will \_\_\_\_\_ to our teacher, and begin our assignment.

We are \_\_\_\_\_ to our teacher so we can begin our assignment.

## Comprehension Practice

1. What does the author mean by "stickler for tradition"?  
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2. What does the author mean by "snail mail"?  
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3. What did Mrs. Flair think people would forget how to do?  
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4. What is meant by the word "ancient" in the passage?  
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## Think and Respond

Would you rather receive an email or an actual letter in the mail? Why?

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# Human Rights For All



What do you think are basic rights that all humans are born with? Is it the right to live and speak in a free and safe way, or something else? The United Nations believes all humans are born with rights, and the government should protect them. In 1950, The UN made December 10<sup>th</sup> International Human Rights Day. Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt helped to create a declaration with over sixty human rights that all people should be entitled to receive. Many countries participate in the day. How will you honor basic human rights on December 10<sup>th</sup>?

## Grammar Practice

Use the reading passage to find the proper noun used for each of the common nouns listed below.

| common noun | proper noun |
|-------------|-------------|
| nations     |             |
| holiday     |             |
| first lady  |             |
| month       |             |

## Comprehension Practice

1. What is the main idea of the passage?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. The United Nations believes that all humans are born with...  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What day did the UN declare December 10<sup>th</sup> to be?  
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4. Who helped create a declaration supporting human rights?  
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## Think and Respond

What do the words "human rights" mean to you?

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