

LO. I am learning to plan  
my writing.

Today you are going to be planning your letter. Think carefully about what you'd like to include in your letter back home to mum. You wouldn't spend ages planning but you wouldn't want to forget to include anything either!

Read this  
example.  
  
Underline  
the words  
and phrases  
you might  
magpie for  
your own  
letter home.

Dear Mum,

I hope you're safe and well in London.

When I got on the train to Bridgley, I was very upset after saying goodbye. There were lots of other children on the train, crying or shouting (I wanted to cover my ears). I felt a little overwhelmed, so I didn't eat my lunch.

We arrived at the billeting office on Thursday afternoon. I had to sit in my chair quietly and wait for someone to collect me. I felt nervous and homesick; at first waiting made me very anxious - I didn't know if anyone wanted a Londoner like me. I felt more queasy and panicked as the time passed. After what felt like hours, a man with only a little hair and round glasses arrived. He looked very serious and I was terrified he would shout at me, but he smiled, which calmed me down a little. He told to keep my chin up and come along with him.

The man's name is Mr Read (he is the schoolmaster). I am staying with him and his wife in a house on the top of a steep hill, on a winding country road. There are apple trees in an orchard here and the air smells like wet grass and earth. I'm enjoying exploring the garden and feel relaxed now that I'm here. I'm grateful I'm staying with nice people.

Tomorrow I'm going to school - there are more than a hundred children there. Mr Read says there will be a lot of evacuees like me. I hope I get along well. I would like to do some more maths and spelling but I'm not sure what the schools are like here so I'll have to see.

I miss you very much and I'll write to you again soon.

Lots of love,

James.

These are the 3  
things we need to  
consider when  
planning.

Paragraph

Content

What will each  
paragraph include?

Emotion

What emotion will you  
show in each  
paragraph?

Remember to show not  
tell.

Vocabulary

What informal  
vocabulary will you  
use? Use language  
related to WW2.

*Download the word banks from the website to help you when planning. You may also want to look at your work from previous lessons such as the interview and mind map.*

Use this planning template to plan out your letter that you will write tomorrow.

### Planning template

The ideas in brackets are just suggestions if you would like to write about something else for each paragraph then you may change it.

Introductory paragraph: (greeting/ reason for writing)	
Paragraph 1: (The journey)	
Paragraph 2: (Meeting your host family. What are they like?)	
Paragraph 3: (What you have been up to since you've been there? Friends? Games? School? Etc.)	
Concluding paragraph: (Emotive farewell / how much you miss them/ hope to see them soon)	
Anything else you would like to include:	