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# LESSON 25

## Persuasive Letter

Prewrite



## Review

A persuasive letter is to make others **accept your opinion** and even **take action**.

### The five parts of a persuasive letter

The diagram shows a sample persuasive letter with five parts labeled on the right:

- Date:** January 12, 2012
- Greeting:** Dear Mom and Dad,
- Body:** We should remember to eat snacks that are healthy. At school, I tasted broccoli and soy nuts. I even tried yogurt. Guess what? They taste good! Vegetables, fruits, grains, and dairy foods are good for us. They can help us think, work, and play better. Best of all, they can keep us healthy.
- Closing:** I think we all should eat many more healthy snacks. Please buy some extra ones the next time you go shopping.
- Signature:** Love, Alice

### What makes a good narrative essay:

The diagram shows a checklist for a good narrative essay with four items:

- Ideas:** Write an **opinion** sentence and give **reasons** that support it.
- Organization:** Put the **parts** of your letter in the **correct order**.
- Voice:** Make sure it sounds **serious** and **polite**.
- Conventions:** Check **capital letters**, **punctuation**, and **spelling**.



Today we'll learn...

# The Writing Process of a Persuasive Letter

## Prewrite



## Let's Learn

Robin wants to write a persuasive letter to Mrs. Martin's class.  
Before writing, he needs to...

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### Form an Opinion

(I want to persuade others to...)

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### Gather Details

(How do I make others agree with me?)





Robin formed his  
opinion like this!  
What did he do?



Stay Healthy

drink water	eat breakfast	wash your hands
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You should  
remember to  
wash your hands.

## Let's Learn

## How do we form an opinion?

### Step 1: Make

Make a **table diagram** and choose the **best topic**.

### Table Diagram

Stay Healthy		
drink water	eat breakfast	wash your hands





### Step 2: Write

Write the opinion statement with a "You should" sentence.

Table Diagram

Stay Healthy		
drink water	eat breakfast	wash your hands

You should  
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Opinion:

You should remember to wash your hands.

Reasons:

To keep your food safe

To stop germs from spreading

To keep you from getting sick



### List and Choose

List reasons to support your opinion and choose the most important one.



Opinion:

You should remember to wash your hands.

Reasons:

- 1 To keep your food safe
- 2 To stop germs from spreading
- 3 To keep you from getting sick

### Form an Opinion

- Make a Table Diagram and choose your topic.

Good Habits		
sleep early		

- Write an opinion statement with a “You should” sentence.

You should \_\_\_\_\_.



## Gather Details

- List reasons to support your opinion.

You should \_\_\_\_\_  
(Reasons) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Pick someone you want to write to.

I want to write this persuasive letter to \_\_\_\_\_.

Prewrite

Write

Revise

Edit

Publish

## 1 Form an Opinion

- Make a Table Diagram and choose your topic.

Table Diagram

Stay Healthy		
drink water	eat breakfast	wash your hands

- Write an opinion statement with a "You should" sentence.

You should wash your hands.

## 2 Gather Details

- List reasons to support your opinion and choose the most important one.

Opinion:

You should remember to wash your hands.

Reasons:

To keep your food safe

To stop germs from spreading

To keep you from getting sick