

Writing

A Read this letter from Sunita to her best friend, Nikki. Label the parts of the letter.

April 10th

Dear Nikki,

What a long trip! First, let me tell you about our trip. The trip lasted ten hours. My brother and I watched movies on the plane. When the plane landed, we took a taxi to our new house. Our furniture and boxes were already there. I have my own bedroom. And we have a big backyard.



We moved here because the weather is better for my little brother. He needs to live in a dry climate, and it was very damp where we lived before. Now we can play outside together in our own yard.

I hope you will be able to visit me when school is over. I miss you.

Your friend,

Sunita

B Prepare to write a letter to your best friend.

Brainstorm ideas you would like to tell your friend. Choose one and write it here.

Organize your ideas. Write them in the chart.

	My Ideas
Begin with the date and a salutation.	
Tell why you are writing the letter.	
Add details that you want to share.	
Choose a friendly closing.	

C Now go to your notebook to write your own letter. Then read and revise it.

- My writing checklist:
- | | |
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| ☐ I included the date and a salutation. | ☐ I chose a friendly closing. |
| ☐ I gave a reason for writing and shared details. | ☐ I read and revised my letter. |

A Look, read, and circle.



When our neighbor fell in his yard,
my father took him to the **hospital.**
factory.



We're **shopping** our things because
packing
we're moving to a bigger house.



My friend Mike and his family
are **Chinese.**
Irish.



Carla's mother is a special kind of
doctor. She's **an immigrant.**
a surgeon.



Indira wanted to do something
outdoors, so she went **fishing.**
ice skating.



If people want to work in industry,
they usually move to **rural areas.**
urban areas.



Henry had a wonderful day today.
He went **shopping.**
sledding.



You need to pack up all your
belongings when you move.
experiences



It isn't safe to walk around with your
sneakers **unbuttoned.**
untied.



I'm not sure why the TV doesn't turn
on. Maybe it's **untangled.**
unplugged.



BIG QUESTION 2

**Why do people
move to new
places?**

B Look and write.

1



What can she do?

ice skate.

2



What could he do?

fish.

3



What could she do?

4



What can he do?

C Complete the sentences with *when*, *can*, *can't*, *could*, and *couldn't*.

1



_____ I was
three, I _____
swim.

2



Now I am ten, and I

swim.

3



_____ I was
four, I _____
ride a tricycle.

4



Now I can ride a bike, but
I _____ ice
skate.

D Match the sentence parts. Then complete the sentences with *but* and *because*.

1 Now Carrie lives in Florida,

a _____ now I can.

2 She moved to Florida

b _____ they want a better life.

3 People around the world move

c but before she lived in Vermont.

4 When I was four, I couldn't
speak English,

d _____ the weather is warmer.