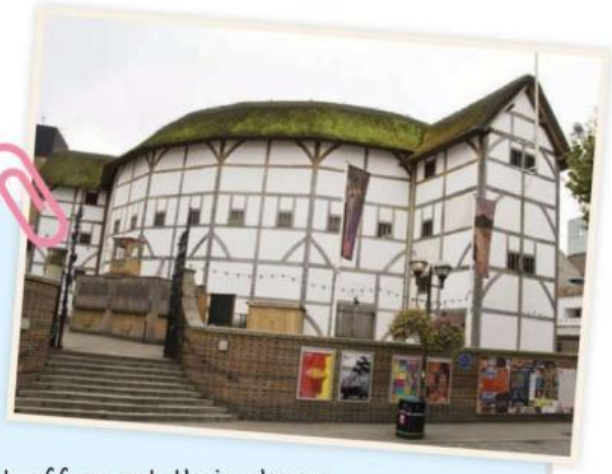
Reading: a letter



1 **Read the letter. Order the information.**

Dear Aunt Susan,

I've just received your letter. Thank you for it. I really enjoyed reading it. I will keep writing letters to you, I promise! I know you think I'm going to get bored, but I won't. Lots of my friends talk about how much they want to turn the internet off or put their phones away. I don't think older people know how much younger people like some of the older, slower ways of doing things. Anyway, I will keep writing!

Dad, Mum and I had a great time on Saturday. We went out for a meal in an Italian restaurant and then we went to the theatre. We saw Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. It was brilliant. There were candles all around the stage and they gave a very special light. There were so many people in the audience! Hundreds and hundreds.

There was a musician playing the lute – what a beautiful instrument – and he spoke to the audience at the beginning and between the acts. The actors were great. Mum said that actors today sometimes do Shakespeare plays dressed in modern clothes, but these actors were all wearing the sort of wigs, tights, masks and costumes of Shakespeare's time.

I was very excited on the way home. I texted all my friends, 'I've just seen a great play!' and then I told Mum and Dad that I wanted to be a theatre director. When we got home, Dad found a copy of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' on the shelf. I read half of it before I went to bed!

Would you like to come to the next play we see, Aunt Susan?

Write soon.

Best wishes
Ciaron

a Ciaron texted his friends. ☐
b Ciaron received a letter from his Aunt Susan. 1
c Ciaron went out for a meal. ☐
d Ciaron started reading *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. ☐
e Ciaron told his parents he wanted to be a theatre director. ☐
f Ciaron went to the theatre. ☐

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1 **Order the words to make different ways of asking 'How are you?'**

1 life / is / how / ? How is life?
2 are / how / things / ? _____
3 is / everything / how / ? _____
4 it / how's / going / ? _____
5 you / doing / are / how / ? _____
6 you / right / all / everything / with / is / ? _____

Help with Writing

Digital technology has made letter writing a thing of the past. However, it is still a good alternative to email and text messaging, and it gives you the chance to write at length and practise writing by hand.

2 **Imagine you are writing a letter in response to one your relative sent to you. Use Ciaron's letter to help you. Include the following:**

- Thank your relative for their letter.
- Say how you are.
- Give your news.
- Ask your relative some questions.

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