



## Element 9: Send Love to Grandpa

<b>Writing and Revision</b>	<b>Send Love to an Elder</b>
<p><b>Age Levels</b> (Adaptable for all)</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 45 minutes</p> <p><b>Resources:</b></p> <p>Pencil with eraser Downloaded stationery in unit or plain paper Envelope and stamp (or can be emailed or hand-delivered)</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>Learners will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appreciate and reciprocate the love, concern and wisdom of elders</li><li>• Practice organizing thoughts in a letter.</li><li>• Practice the proofreading and revision process. (If adapting for early learners, use drawings with one-word labels)</li></ul>	<p><b>Teacher, Caregiver or Self-Learner</b></p> <p>Help students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Read about Grandpa Bob.</li><li>2. Think about the wisdom of elders during a pandemic. Relate it to messages from personal life.</li><li>3. Outline a letter to an elder.</li><li>4. Refine, revise and send a final draft.</li></ol>



## Introduction

Who in your family shows love for you, whether near or far away?

Grandpa Bob remembered when he was able to regularly visit and play with his grandchildren.

(In this photo, Vivian, Jude and Sebastian, three of the four, laugh with him at a funny video. The 16-year old granddaughter probably would not fit in the bed with the others!)

Grandpa Bob lived far away from his grandchildren when the pandemic began. For the safety of everyone, he could no longer visit.

What do you think a grandparent might say to the oldest grandchild, who worried about his safety as he worried about hers?

## **Read the Letter**

Read Grandpa Bob’s “Letter to Jenny” on the following page. Imagine how you would react—at home and in writing—if you received it. What would you do to fulfill his wishes? How would you tell him about your concerns, your acts of kindness, and any action steps you had taken?

Outline and draft a letter you will write to a grandparent or elder.

- Begin by asking about their wellness. You can express your love at the beginning or end.
- Do you have any questions or challenges about the pandemic, about your family or about school?
- Could you tell of an act of kindness at home that you offered to honor the wisdom of this elder?

## **Prepare the Final Draft**

Write a three-part letter that you will send to a grandparent or older person in your life, based on the thoughts in Grandpa Bob’s letter. Check your rough draft.

1. Make sure each sentence contains a noun and a verb.
2. Make sure each sentence ends with a period or question mark.
3. Make sure each paragraph has a main idea and supporting ideas.

Print one out the stationery on the following page -- or create your own border on plain paper if you like. Carefully write the final draft. Mail or deliver it to your grandparent or elder.

## Letter to Jenny

My darling Jenny:

Living during this time of worldwide disease can be scary. We can't cure this killer virus yet, and that makes everybody – including me -- nervous.

What I can do to help is offer some tips for you, your parents, and your brothers and sisters to get through these tough times:

The best regular thing that you and your family can do is to wash your hands frequently and stay home as much as possible to avoid the virus.

There's no way of knowing how long this disease will last, so you might wind up living at home with your family for days and weeks or even months. That makes it hard for everyone to remain calm and caring during this time.

I've thought up three things you can do to keep you and your happy and healthy:

1: **KINDNESS.** Focus your attention of being kind and compassionate to everyone your family. Treat everyone – especially your mom and dad, who have so much responsibility for keeping you safe -- with respect and caring, and that will make everyone's life easier.

2: **ACCEPTANCE:** Everybody has flaws and faults, including you. Accept your brothers and sister for who they are. Help them use their strengths, which makes things better during times of crisis. Pretend you don't see their weaknesses, which make them harder for you to live with.

3: **BE SEPARATE AND TOGETHER:** No matter what happens, you are going to get on each other's nerves. So, find a special place in your house, even if it is only a chair or a corner place where you can be alone to sit down, take some deep breaths, and feel like you are back in control of your life.

And, when your family needs everyone to work together, but sure that you are part of that. Your opinion matters, so speak up when it's time to talk things over and accept what you need to do to get things done.

No one in the world survives a crisis like this all alone; it takes the talents and work of everyone to prevail. I know you have what it takes to make things better. Now is the time for you to show your stuff.

All my love, Grandpa Bob

