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## “I Wanna [Something]”: A Letter That Asks for Something

friendly letters inspired by I Wanna Iguana

Who's writing the letter?	Who's receiving the letter?	What is wanted?

<p><b>Step #1: Brighten up your beginning!</b> Alex knew his mom didn't want him to have an iguana, so he addressed her concern right up front, which is a very persuasive technique!</p> <p>Come up with three original ways you could begin your persuasive letter by addressing possible concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even though they're expensive...</li> <li>• Although I have been a bit naughty this year...</li> <li>• .</li> <li>• .</li> <li>• .</li> </ul>	<p><b>Step #2: Establish your facts using transitions.</b> Brainstorm with your buddy a few transition words to emphasize your point. Read the examples and come up with four or five of your own.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First</li> <li>➤ Truly</li> <li>➤ In fact</li> <li>➤ Especially</li> <li>➤ Finally</li> <li>➤ In conclusion</li> <li>➤ .</li> <li>➤ .</li> <li>➤ .</li> <li>➤ .</li> </ul>
<p><b>Step #3: No kicking and screaming! Clarify your persuasive reasons for getting what you want intelligently.</b> Fill in the chart as follows:</p> <p>Opening statement: (from step #1):</p> <p>Reason #1:</p> <p>Reason #2:</p> <p>Reason #3:</p>	<p><b>Step #4: Alex knew his salutation was a key in his hope to persuade his mom to agree with him. With a buddy, come up with three more sizzling closings!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alex's closing: <i>Love, Your smart and mature kid, Alex</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Your three original closings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>

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## “I Wanna [Something]”: The Response Letter

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Who's writing the letter?	Who's receiving the letter?	What is wanted?

<p><b>Step #1: Brighten up your beginning!</b> Alex's mom always politely recognized and addressed her son's arguments. Begin your letter by letting your audience know that you have read and understand what they are saying.</p> <p>Come up with three beginning sentences that demonstrate this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "I'm glad you're so compassionate..."</li> <li>• "How are you going to get a girl to marry you..."</li> <li>• .</li> <li>• .</li> <li>• .</li> </ul>	<p><b>Step #2: Clarify ideas.</b> Before you agree to anything, make sure you ask your audience to clarify any questions you may have. Read a few examples from Alex's mom, and then write four or five of your own.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ "How do I know...?"</li> <li>➤ "Remember what happened when...?"</li> <li>➤ "What if....?"</li> <li>➤ .</li> <li>➤ .</li> <li>➤ .</li> <li>➤ .</li> <li>➤ .</li> </ul>
<p><b>Step #3: Every reason can be countered!</b> Address each of the arguments in the original letter with a counter reason, which means a reason that explains why the original reason was not convincing enough.</p> <p>Counter-Reason #1:</p>   <p>Counter-Reason #2:</p>   <p>Counter-Reason #3:</p>	<p><b>Step #4:</b> Alex knew his salutation was a key in his hope to persuade his mom to agree with him. With a buddy, <b>come up with three more sizzling closings!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alex's Mom's closings: <i>Love, Your concerned mother</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Your three original closings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>