



11+ Persuasive Writing — Letter to Parliament
“Write a letter to Parliament persuading them that you should be the next prime minister.”

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Notes for student

- This is the perfect opening to a formal letter Andrew, well done.
- You've included both addresses in full.
- Well done for writing out the date in full under your address.
- Remember in the exam, if you don't know the actual address you can just make one up. Just try and keep it realistic.

I am writing to you to prove that I could be a good Prime Minister. You may think only an adult could do that important job, but surely children's futures should be planned by children? I am a giving, gentle, friendly, and honest person who is a good listener, and I already have some experience of being a leader in an online game which I play with my friends.

Notes for student



- This is a great opening argument Andrew. You are straight to the point of your argument. This is good persuasion.
- You argue your point well and list your experience. Good work. To improve, you could have included alliteration in your list of qualities. For example "I am giving, gentle and generous."
- Amazing rhetorical question Andrew. Wow!
- Well done for addressing the counterargument at the beginning of your letter.

If I were Prime Minister, I would increase the minimum wage to double its current amount. I would also give health workers a pay rise. This would be important because some people who are working hard, like my Dad as an ambulance man, do not get paid much even if they are saving people's lives. The person that sweeps the street is very important, keeping our towns and cities looking nice, but they are only getting paid poorly. Furthermore, I would give free food and water to all poor families, and free school dinners for every citizen that is under the age of 18 years.

Notes for student

- These are some great ideas
- To improve, think about how helping these groups of people would make you a good Prime Minister. Perhaps it shows how much you care for every citizen in the country?
- To improve, you could have included a fact or statistic to help prove your point here. For example, "In 2020, 30% of families struggle to afford school dinners."

I also propose to change the school curriculum to have longer PE lessons: I will extend it by three-quarters of an hour each day. PE is important because it boosts children's energy, and they are empowered to get more learning in because they have now got more attention. The



Department of Health has established the link between physical activity and increased concentration.

Notes for student

- Another brilliant point Andrew!
- Good use of tricky vocabulary like "established" and "empowered" in this paragraph.
- To improve, think about the persuasive techniques you could have included here. Remember PARCC and RELEEFF. For example, you could have used flattery here or a rhetorical question - "Surely someone as intelligent as you sees the importance of the health of our children?"

It is true a child would make a better Prime Minister than an adult because children see the world in a different way: they are imaginative, they interact better with technology, and decisions made now will make a difference to our future. Greta Thunberg for example, showed that kids can take on powerful roles and motivate others to action. There have also been litter pickups all around the world by children (and their adults) to clean the planet and oceans.

Notes for student

- This is a persuasive paragraph Andrew. Well done.
- Remember the question is asking why **you** would be a good Prime Minister. You make a brilliant point about having a child as Prime Minister in this paragraph but remember to try and link it back to how you specifically would be good for the job.
- Great use of a colon and brackets here. You have varied your punctuation nicely.

In short, people of your wisdom and intelligence, should see the importance of letting a child have a go at this top job.



Yours Faithfully,
Andrew Morgan

Notes for student

- Good conclusion Andrew. You bring your argument full circle and reiterate why you should be Prime Minister.
 - Well done for using the correct closing address. This is the perfect way to end a formal letter.
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Progress Plan

- Overall, this is a great persuasive letter Andrew! I'm sure you'd make a great Prime Minister.
 - To improve, remember to always answer the question fully. This is a great answer and would not cause a problem in the exam but it is easy to go on a tangent while writing. To avoid this, keep rereading the question as many times as you need to. If they ask you to write about 'you' be as specific as possible and ensure you are writing about yourself.
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Your work was marked by Ellie.

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A bit about me: I studied creative writing and children's literature while at University, as well as the Tudors and Cleopatra. In my free time I swim, read and play Pokemon. I love to write and I hope to become a published author one day.

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