



Pen Pal Guide

Thank you for offering to be a Friends of Tonga Pen Pal! We hope you and your class will find this experience both rewarding and enjoyable. For your reference, we have put together this guide for ideas and suggestions of what you can include in your Pen Pal Letters and what to do once you have the letters completed. Feel free to use our ideas or come up with your own!

As always, feel free to reach out to friendsoftonga2018@gmail.com for more information or with any questions you might have!

For USA Classrooms

Lower Grades

Below are some suggestions of what you can include in letters to your Pen Pals.

- Draw and label pictures of what your life in the USA is like. (My name is ____ . This is a picture of my life in the USA)
- Draw and label pictures of certain aspects of life in the USA are like (I like to eat... I like to play.... I ____ to school)
- Complete a sheet of your favorite things (examples attached)
- If your class is studying something particular and you would like a specific power point or presentation made, please let us know, or if you would like us to make you an introductory power point for the Pen Pal Program, let us know.

Upper Grades

- Write and respond to letters sent from Tongan classrooms. (blank Template attached- feel free to use or not)
- Share things you like to do or information about your family, your classroom, your favorite things.
- Ask questions to your Pen Pal and answer the questions they asked.
- Complete a sheet of your favorite things (examples attached)

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- Sample Letters from Tongan (left) and American (right) classrooms are attached.
- Keep in mind that these are English as a second language students (and teachers) if you feel like some of the vocabulary in your students' letters may be too difficult, please contact us so we can provide translations to the teachers or include pictures for students in Tonga to refer to.

Mailing the Letters

When your letters are ready to be sent, please contact us friendsoftonga2018@gmail.com or on our Facebook page. We will then either give you our address for the letters to be sent to for us to send on to Tonga or provide you with the address in Tonga. Please send us receipts for money spent sending the letters and we will reimburse you.

For Tongan Classrooms

Lower Grades

Below are some suggestions of what you can include in letters to your Pen Pals.

- Draw and label pictures of what your life in Tonga is like. (My name is _____. This is a picture of my life in Tonga)
- Draw and label pictures of certain aspects of life in Tonga are like (I like to eat... I Like to play.... I ____ to school)
- Complete a sheet of your favorite things (examples attached)

Upper Grades

- Write and respond to letters sent from USA classrooms. (blank Template attached– feel free to use or not)
- Share things you like to do or information about your family, your classroom, your favorite things.
- Ask questions to your Pen Pal and answer the questions they asked.
- Complete a sheet of our favorite things (example attached)
- Sample Letters from Tongan and American (right) classrooms are attached.

Mailing the Letters

When your letters are ready to be sent, please contact us friendsoftonga2018@gmail.com or on our Facebook page. We will let our contact know that your letters are ready to be picked up and he will come get them and send them to us.

August 13, 2018,
Fakya Jongatapu,
Kingdom of Tonga.

Dear American friend,

My name is Lōnke. I live in Jerkin. I am 10

years old. My favorite sport is Soccer.

Red is my favorite color. My favorite food is

ku pipi. I love to draw. I ~~also~~ also love to sing.

What is your name? What is your favorite

food? What is your favorite sport?

What is your favorite color?

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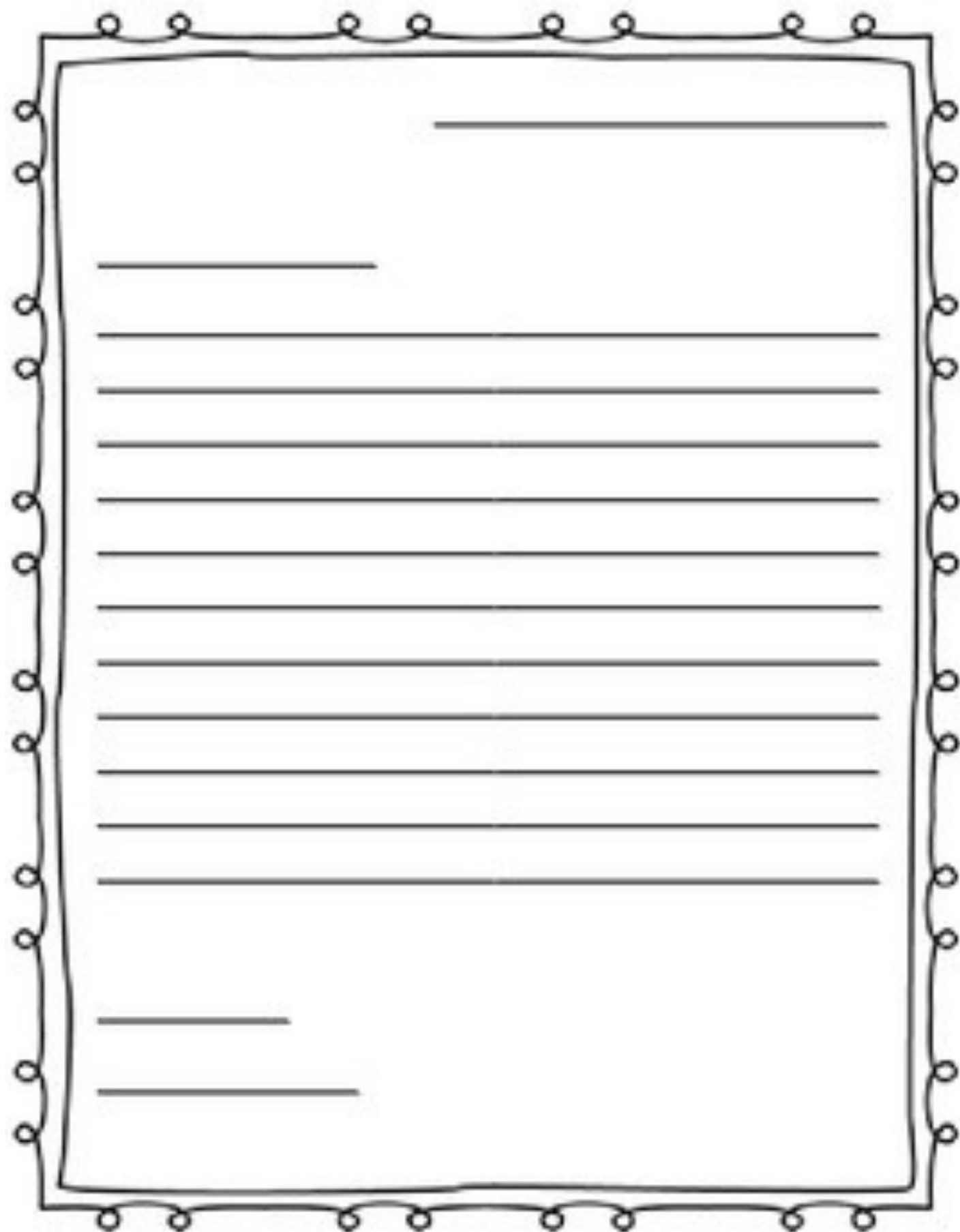
Lōnke Jōnke

July 19,
2018

Dear Tonga friend,

My name is Kennedy Williams. I live in Maryland. I am 9 years old about to be 10. Pink is my favorite color. I like eating healthy food and salad and fish and chicken. I also like Dancing and some sports! What is your Name? Are we close in age? What sports do you like? What's your favorite color? Have an awesome weekend!

Sincerely,
Kennedy



These are a few of my favorite things

my name

food

animal

ice cream

book

color

place

toy

My Favorite Things

