

How does it work?

P: To answer a question about how water works in our everyday lives.

A: A member of your family (Aunt Gladys).

G: Informal friendly letter.

E: Explain how water functions in a house-hold device or in the infrastructure of the local community. Your explanation should use everyday language. Your Aunt Gladys will enjoy reading your clear explanation!

Exigence: "I want to answer my Aunt's question about how water works in her home or town."

Subject matter: Water's behavior and function in the home and the community.

Discourse Community: ?? (In a sense, water engineers.)

Genre: Informal letter. As a letter it should have a greeting (salutation) and a closing. It can be single-spaced.

Situation: You'll receive a letter from your Aunt Gladys with a question about water. Write a letter to her with an answer she can understand and enjoy.

Instructions: Investigate the function of water that Aunt Gladys wants to understand. Make sure that you can explain in simple everyday terms. Use grammatical structures that specify "cause and effect" relationships.

Writing Process: Find at least two sources that answer Aunt Gladys's question. Create a letter. Restate her question in your letter. Cite your sources below the closing.