

Letter Poems with Alex Wharton

Imagine you are a mischievous character (like Mr. Slime).

Write a poem in the style of a letter which reveals your imagined character's personality.

1. Choose someone to address your letter poem to

This could be anybody, including yourself! The real you, for example: "Dear Alex,"

Dear _____ ,

2. Think of a name for your character

Maybe you could use alliteration, like this:

Eg: Hector the horrible hedgehog

3. What mischievous things might your character get up to? Brainstorm some ideas below:

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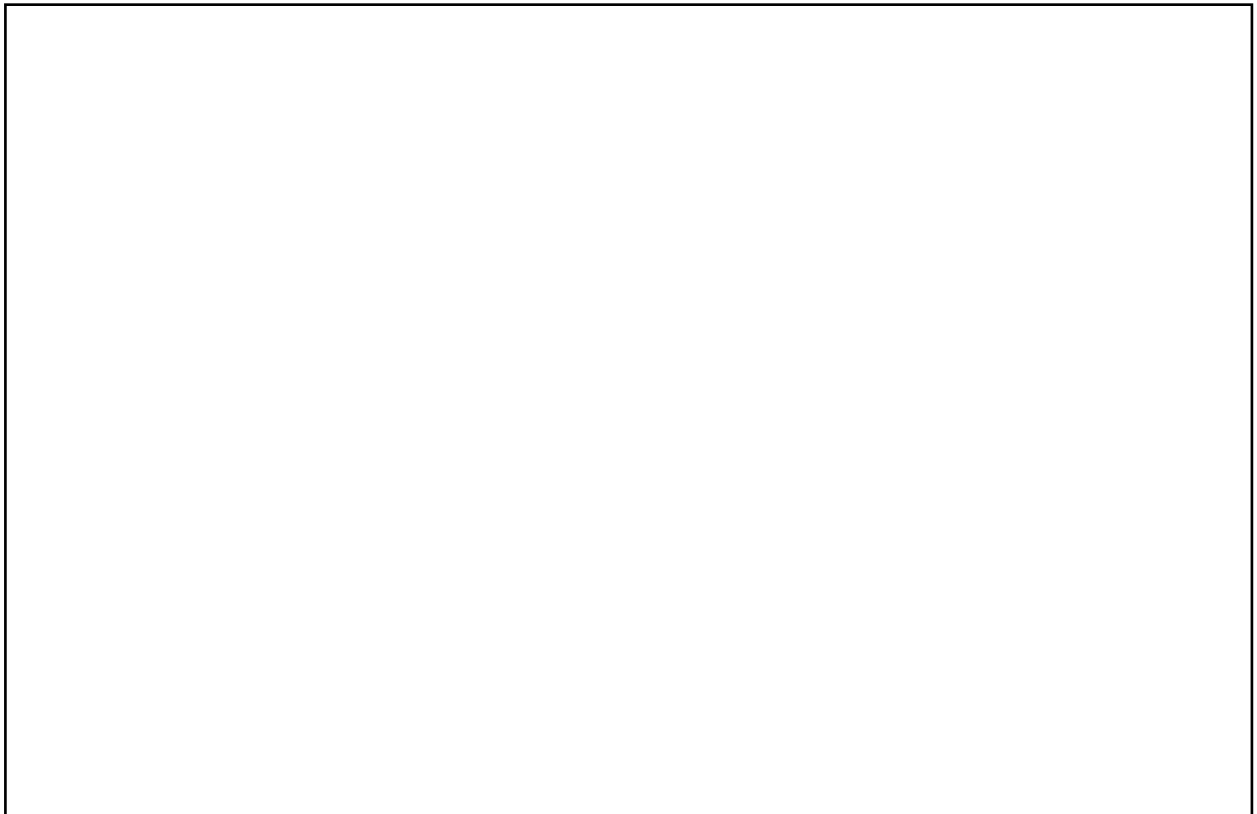
4. Where does your character live?

Maybe in a dusty corner under the bed? In the kitchen so they can sneak midnight snacks? Somewhere else?

5. What does your character look like?

Do they have a fierce expression like Mr Slime? Maybe they have an accessory? Mr Slime is king of the kitchen, so of course, he wears a crown!

Draw your character here:



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6. How would your character sign off their letter?

Maybe they would give one last warning as to why they are not to be messed with for example:

*Yours horridly,
Hector the horrible hedgehog.*

Don't forget it's a letter, so keep it formal!

Yours _____ ,

Once you have written your letter poem, maybe you would like to illustrate it to be put on display, pair it with a beat to create a rap, or bring your character to life through a performance of your poem for an audience.

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Extended writing challenge:

You now have all the ingredients to create your very own letter poem!
Remember to use the **second person** (you) so that it feels like a real letter.

Your challenge is to **complete your poem** using the ideas you have come up with so far (you can add any extra details that you think of).

Maybe you could include some of the features that Alex uses in Mr Slime?
Are there any other features you would like to include?
