

Class 11 Reading

I know how good you all got at writing letters in school, so now it is the time to use those skills and think about the features of letters to help you answer comprehension questions. Think about the reasons why someone might write a letter to help you think about the purpose for this piece of writing.

3 Greenwood Road
Edinville
Shropshire
SH49 3WV

Mrs L. Halloway
Manager
Epic Sweets Ltd.
Unit 352
Sugarton Industrial Estate
Sugarton
SU52 8EP

Wednesday 4th October 2017

Dear Mrs Halloway,

I am writing about a product of yours that my eight-year-old daughter, Lola, purchased recently. Lola had seen your Almighty Chewing Gum advertised on television and she was very impressed by your claims that it was the 'tastiest yet' and 'the healthiest chewing gum around'. She decided to spend some of her pocket money to buy a stick of the gum for herself, as well as one for her best friend, Oskar.

Imagine her surprise when, on trying the gum, she found that it did not taste of mint as she had expected. Instead, she found that it tasted of overcooked broccoli! Now, my daughter is not a fussy child. She understands that it is important to consume vegetables as part of a healthy balanced diet. But chewing gum that tastes of broccoli? Surely this is a step too far?

Similarly, when Lola's friend Oskar tried his stick of Almighty Chewing Gum, he discovered that it had an extremely strong asparagus flavour. Unfortunately, Oskar is a much fussier eater than my daughter. I am afraid to report that the revolting taste of his chewing gum actually caused him to vomit on the spot.

Frankly, I am appalled. Why did your advertisement not make it clear that your chewing gum would not taste of the typical mint flavour? You have tricked an innocent child into wasting her money on foul-tasting sweets. I think this is nothing less than daylight robbery!

I have two requests for you now. Firstly, I would like you to stop broadcasting your misleading adverts. Secondly, I would like to know what compensation you are going to offer Lola and Oskar for the distress caused.

I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Yours sincerely,



Ms P. Watson

Read the text carefully and then answer the following questions. Try to use a similar sequence to those we used in school.

Monday

You might want to start off by reading through the text and underline the words you are unsure of and create a definition for these words. Then go back through the text and read it again substituting these unknown words for your own definition like we have done in class.

Tuesday

You could think about what type of letter it is and you can then come up with the purpose for the letter. Once you have identified the purpose, you can start to think about what the main idea of the overall text is and additionally, what the main idea of each paragraph is.

Wednesday

You should be able to begin to answer the questions. Remember to use the reading strategies. To make this easier, I have grouped the questions into the different reading skills. Today, have a go at the retrieval questions to help you to navigate the text.

Retrieval

1. In which county does Ms P. Watson live?
2. What is the name of Lola's best friend?
3. What claims did the advert make about Almighty Chewing Gum? Name **one**.
4. What happened to Oskar when he tried the chewing gum?
5. What does Ms Watson think was wrong about Mrs Halloway's advert?

Thursday

Today, have a go at answering some different types of questions. The questions below are about the word choices, inference and prediction. Remember, underline the key words in the question, go back to the text and always check all possible answers. If it is a 'do you think' question, the answer isn't always in the text. It requires you to think about it using your own knowledge, supported by what is in the text.

6. *'She understands that it is important to consume vegetables ...'*

Circle the word closest in meaning to **consume**.

chop

choose

cook

eat

7. Look at the paragraph which begins: 'Frankly, I am...'
Find and copy a word which means **normal**.
8. Why do you think Ms Watson is writing the letter? Use evidence from the text.
9. What do you think will happen next? Will the company respond to the letter and what would they say?
10. Why do you think that Ms Watson wrote the letter rather than her daughter Lola?

Challenge:

Using information from the text decide whether each statement is a **fact** or an **opinion**:

	Fact	Opinion
Lola bought two sticks of chewing gum.		
It is a step too far to have chewing gum which tastes of broccoli.		
The chewing gum had a revolting taste.		

Friday

Today, I would like you to log onto Epic! and read a book of your choice. I have previously set an 'assignment' for a book that I read that I really enjoyed. You can choose from the whole selection of books to read from so I am sure that there is a book that you all will enjoy reading.

Once you have read the book, write a short summary of what the book was about and a book review to tell me whether the book is worth reading. If it is really good, try and convince me how good it is by making good word choices (including adjectives) to try and convince me to read it. If you do convince me that it is good, I will read the book and let you know what I thought about it.

Happy reading!



Class Sign In Instructions

Laptop or Chromebook

Have your students open their web browser and

1. Go to **www.getepic.com/students**
2. Sign in with your class code **zbu3135**
3. Select their name and they're in!

iOS/Android

Have your students open the Epic! app and

1. Click on **"Have an account? Sign In"** then click on **"Students & Educators"**
2. Sign in with your class code **zbu3135**
3. Select their name and they're in!

If you have any problems accessing the website or if you are unsure about any of the words in the text and are struggling, send me an email and I will try my best to help you.

Remember that you can also read anything around your house which has writing on, for example, a newspaper, a recipe, a cereal packet, a magazine, a book that you have at home or TV guide. Just make sure you are reading something every day.

CPSClazz11@corporationroad.darlington.sch.uk