

WRITE A LETTER

A Boy Called Hope and The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair are stories about family and the things they get up to. In both books the boys write letters.

Try writing a letter about a family you've made up and then write about the things they're going through. Your letter could be happy, sad or funny. Follow the ideas below if you get stuck.

IDEAS:

The letter contains a big secret that your family don't want anyone to know about. You're going to write it into the letter for safe keeping. Then you'll hide it somewhere. What is the secret and how is it going to change your life? Where are you going to hide the letter and is there anyone you can trust with this secret?

Your dad has won the lottery and it's like a million Christmases rolled into one. Thing is, the ticket has gone missing and your dad suspects someone in the family has stolen it but he has no proof. This is a mystery to be solved. You're going to set up a detective agency. What are you going to call it and how are you going to go about solving the mystery of the missing lottery ticket?

You've inherited your granny's spooky house. You're convinced it has a ghost and you're writing a letter to yourself about why the family don't agree with you and how you feel about it. What are you going to say about what you've seen? How do you feel when your family don't believe you? Do you feel lost and alone and if so, how are you going to turn things around?

