

A Letter from the Forest

Learning objective: To understand the features and purpose of formal and informal letter writing.

Read the letter below carefully and answer the questions that follow. Ensure you use full sentences for your answers.

Dear Pip, I hope you are having a wonderful time in the library. I am writing to tell you about the most marvellous discovery I made near the old oak tree this morning! Whilst I was out exploring, I found a beautiful, silver feather tucked neatly under a pile of autumn leaves. It sparkled brightly in the sunlight, and I immediately thought of your love for collecting unique treasures. I have carefully placed it in a small box so it stays safe until I can show you. The forest is very quiet today, and the air feels crisp and cool. It is the perfect weather for reading one of your favourite books. Would you like to meet me by the stream on Saturday morning? We could look for more interesting items together. Please let me know if you can make it. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon. Your friend, Nova.

Word bank: correspondence · recipient · signature · formal · informal · salutation · postmark

1. Where did Nova find the silver feather? (2 marks)

2. What does Nova invite Pip to do on Saturday morning? (2 marks)

3. How does Nova feel about Pip? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

4. Why do you think Nova decided to write a letter instead of just telling Pip in person? (3 marks)

5. Do you think this letter is formal or informal? Explain your choice using two examples from the text. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl sitting by the old oak tree, holding a small box with the silver feather inside.



Extension challenge: Write a reply from Pip to Nova. Remember to include a greeting, a clear response to the invitation, and a closing sign-off.