

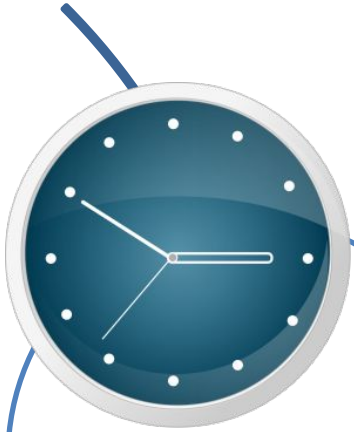
# Russian State Exam OGE



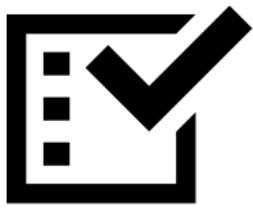
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# Writing paper: 2 tasks



Writing an informal letter , 100-120  
words  
(30 min)



# Model answer



compare your letter to the model letter and find the differences

**Пример личного письма, выполненного учащимся и оцененного в 6 баллов  
(2 балла – содержание, 2 балла – организация текста, 2 балла – языковое оформление  
текста)**

Moscow

Russia

17 November

Dear Steve,

Thank you for your recent letter. I'm awfully sorry for not writing to you earlier, I had so many tasks at school that I had very little free time.

You've written that you are also busy doing a project at school. I've always thought it might be interesting to know about reading habits of people all over the world.

You ask what books my family and I like reading. In general, Russian people are a reading nation and so we are. To be honest, I'm not reading much this year as I'm preparing for the final exams, but mostly I choose fantasy books. My mother enjoys reading detective stories while my father prefers historic literature.

I'm so glad for your sister. Pass my congratulations to her, please. Is her husband British? What does he do? Where do they live?

Write back soon.

Best wishes,

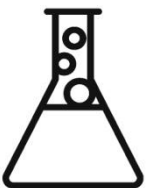
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# Exam strategies

**How to  
write an informal  
letter?**





# Formula for Success



Before

understand  
who you are  
writing to,  
what  
questions  
you need to

- Make sure you
- Check the word

While

used the  
appropriate  
language for the  
task

- Check you have

After

reformulated and  
answered the three  
questions and  
asked three  
relevant questions  
Check you have  
included an ending;  
used the right form  
to sign off; divided  
the letter into

- Check you have



# Parts of the informal letter

**A** *Anyway, I've got to go now. Lots' of homework (unfortunately!).*

**B** *I am sorry to hear you've had an argument with your best friend and that you're not speaking at the moment. Yes, it has happened to me too, and it's awful, isn't it?*

**C** *Carol*

**D** *Dear Sally,*

**E** *Write back soon!*

**F** *Thank you for your letter. It was great to hear from you! Well done on passing your exams!*

**G** *I think you need to ask yourself one question: what's more important – that argument or your friendship? I remember when I asked myself that it all became clear. I realized my friendship with Chris was far more important. I called him immediately and told him. We became friends again immediately. Maybe you should do the same thing. Let me know what happens! Good luck!*

**H** *23 Portland Street  
Manchester  
MN3 6YL  
24<sup>th</sup> September*

**I** *Lots of love,*



# Language focus: Formal or informal?

1.
  - a. I am writing to thank you for your letter.
  - b. Thanks a lot for your last letter.
  - c. I am writing to thank you for your last letter.
  
2.
  - a. Anyway, a bunch of us went to the cinema last night.
  - b. My news – I went to the cinema with Michael and Ludmila last night.
  - c. I would like to describe an interesting thing at the cinema last night.
  
3.
  - a. I'd therefore recommend that you see it as soon as you get the chance.
  - b. Go and see it if you get the chance – I think you'll love it!
  - c. I would strongly suggest that you go and see the movie.
  
4.
  - a. To conclude, the film was marvelous.
  - b. Well, I'd better go now as I've got to do some homework.
  - c. That's all from me for now. I'll be in touch again soon!
  
5. 

a. Yours,	d. Take care,
b. Lots of love,	e. Yours sincerely,
c. Yours faithfully,	f. Bye for now,



# Writing the address

Moscow  
Russia  
11 June, 2015

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Moscow  
11 June, 2015

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Russia  
11 June, 2015  
Peter Ivanov

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Russia  
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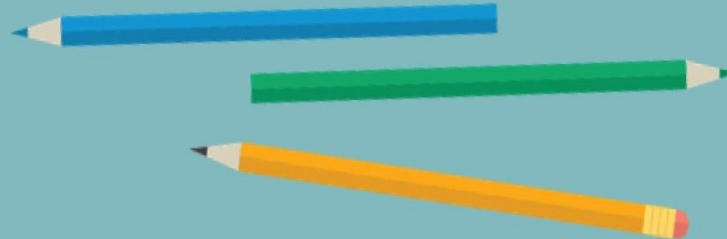
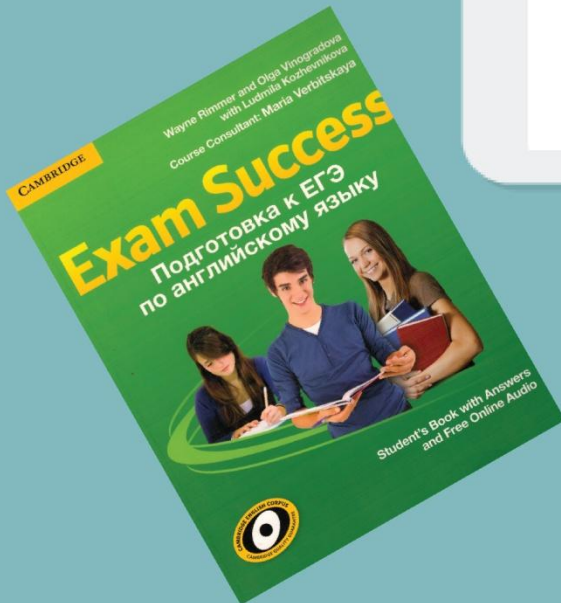
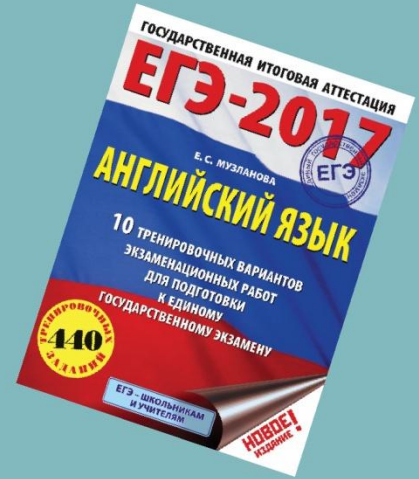
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# Useful Links

- <http://www.fipi.ru>
- <https://ege.yandex.ru>





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**Thank you!**