

Greetings cards are types of messages which we send to someone to:

- congratulate them
- wish them happy birthday
- express sympathy
- wish them good luck etc.

They are normally short and friendly.



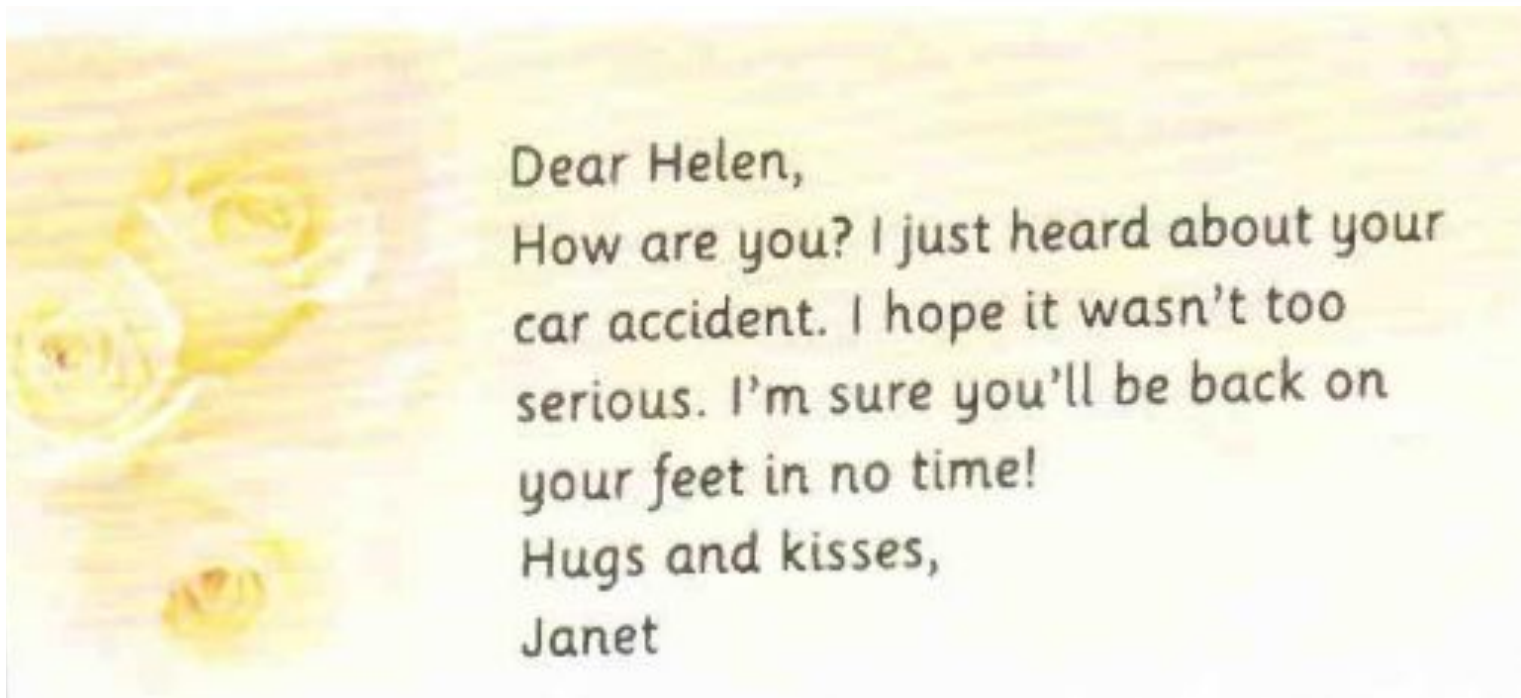
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- 2 someone wants to show that they are grateful
- 3 two people are getting married
- 4 it's someone's birthday
- 5 it's Christmas
- 6 someone is celebrating the day they got married
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Match the greetings cards to the situations.

Read the message below. Which card (a–h) does it belong to? Why did Janet write it?

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Informal style

Informal language is characterised by the use of:

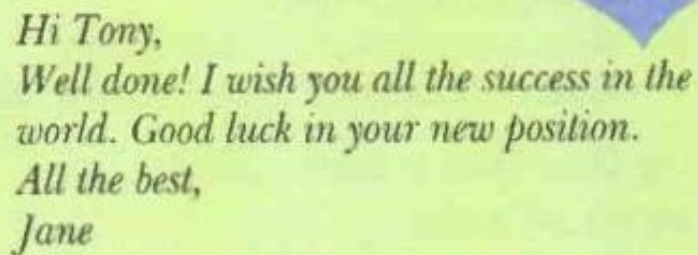
- short opening and closing remarks (*Hi Sue, See you Tom*)
- abbreviations (*I'm*)
- colloquial phrasal verbs, idioms and everyday language (*What's up?*)
- the imperative (*Do come*)
- informal linkers (*and*, so NOT: ~~however~~)

Find examples

Dear Helen,
How are you? I just heard about your car accident. I hope it wasn't too serious. I'm sure you'll be back on your feet in no time!
Hugs and kisses,
Janet

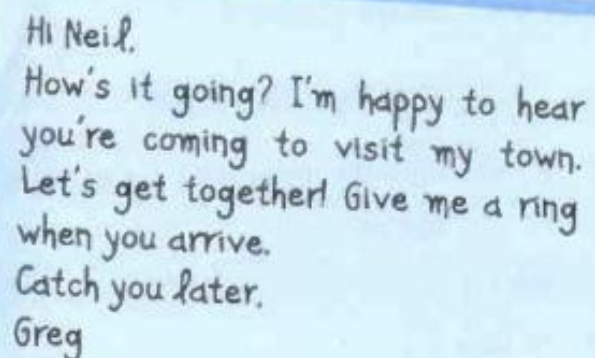
Read the cards below. Why have the people written them? Find examples of informal style.

A



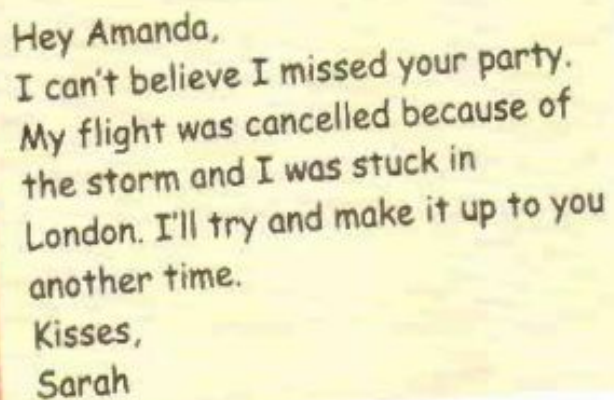
Hi Tony,
Well done! I wish you all the success in the world. Good luck in your new position.
All the best,
Jane

B



Hi Neil,
How's it going? I'm happy to hear you're coming to visit my town. Let's get together! Give me a ring when you arrive.
Catch you later,
Greg

C



Hey Amanda,
I can't believe I missed your party. My flight was cancelled because of the storm and I was stuck in London. I'll try and make it up to you another time.
Kisses,
Sarah

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Complete the sentences with the words in the list. Which sentences would you find in a card to someone who: *is moving to another place? had an accident? got his/her degree? is celebrating his/her birthday? has a family problem?*

- thoughts
- proud
- luck
- day
- recovery

- 1 I'm so sorry. Please know you are in my **thoughts**.
- 2 Get well soon! Wishing you a speedy **recovery**.
- 3 Congratulations on your success. We're all **proud** of you.
- 4 Goodbye and good ... **luck** . The school won't be the same without you.
- 5 Have a great .. **day** .. full of surprises and fun.

Grammar Revision

- 4 a Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Hi Jane,

I 0) ► *am writing* (write) to thank you for the lovely card and flowers you 1) ... **sent** (send) me last week when I was ill. It was very kind of you and they arrived just when I 2) **was feeling** (feel) very low so they really 3) **cheered** (cheer) me up. I'm much better now and I 4) **have already been** (be) back at school for a couple of days. I have an awful lot of schoolwork. I 5) **have never been** (be) so busy. For the last two nights, I 6) **have been studying** (study) until midnight to try and catch up. Anyway, thanks again.

Love, Claire

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