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Writing for the Real World: Get Well and Sympathy Card

There are times when you may be asked to write a letter or a note. Sometimes the purpose of the note or letter may be to remember, commemorate, or celebrate a significant occasion. Such occasions include times when someone has become ill, suffered a loss, or reached a milestone. It's a good idea to practice writing cards and notes for important occasions.

Features of a get well or sympathy card or note:

- The card or note is neat and legible.
- It includes a date in the upper right-hand corner.
- It opens with a greeting such as "Dear Aunt Rosa."
- It includes a few brief sentences or a short paragraph that may express sympathy or well-wishing during a difficult time, and personal memories that the ill or grieving person would also share.
- The writing is precise and sounds natural.
- The final sentence is an expression of hope that things will be better soon.
- The note or card closes with "Your friend," "Love," "Sincerely," or similar phrase (depending on the relationship to the recipient) and your name.

Make a get well card. Select a character from one of the stories or selections you have read this year. Suppose the character isn't feeling well and you want to send a get well card to him or her.

- Make a card by folding a piece of paper in half or in quarters.
- Decorate the outside of the card in a way that you feel is appropriate.
- Review the features of a get well card.
- Practice on a separate sheet of paper by writing out what you would like to say.
- Complete the card neatly.
- Share your card with a partner.

Choose another occasion and make a card that would be appropriate. Do the same activity for a letter or card of condolence or sympathy, a birthday, a wedding, or other occasion. Select the same character or a different one. Share the card with a partner and talk about other kinds of notes you would like to practice writing.