

# Activity 15

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Activity

*Write a letter to your instructor for this assignment.*

## **Write a Letter Based on the Biology Information Provided.**

Letters are a written, typed, or printed communication, especially one sent in an envelope by mail or messenger.

A letter is one person's written message to another pertaining to some matter of common concern. Letters have several different types: Formal letters and Informal letters. Letters have been sent since antiquity and continue to serve a purpose today.

Letters are a way to connect with someone not through the internet. Despite email, letters are still popular, particularly in business and for official communications. Letters have some advantages over email:

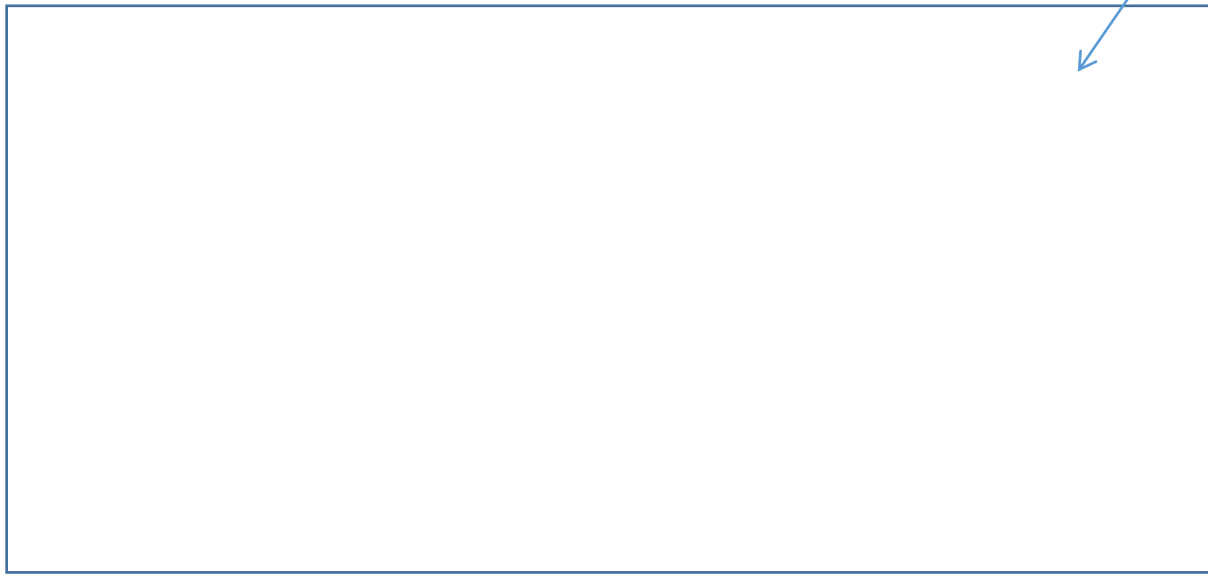
- No special device is needed to receive a letter, just a postal address, and the letter can be read immediately on receipt.
- Letters, especially those with a signature and/or on an organization's own notepaper, are more difficult to falsify than is an email and thus provide much better evidence of the contents of the communication.
- Letter writing can provide an extension of the face-to-face therapeutic encounter.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Letter\\_\(message\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Letter_(message))

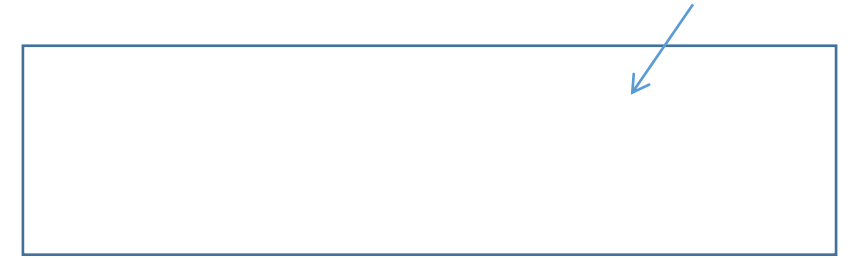
**Instructions: Use the science information provided to you for constructing the content of your letter's body.**

- 1. Hand-write your letter on the back of this page.**
- 2. DATE.** *Write today's date in the date box.*
- 3. ADDRESS.** *Address the letter to your instructor in the "Address Block" box.*
- 4. GREETING.** *Start your letter with an appropriate salutation such as Dear ...*
- 5. BODY.** *Write 70 words or more about the topic you have been assigned.*
- 6. CLOSING.** *Sign your letter beneath the "Sincerely" expression.*

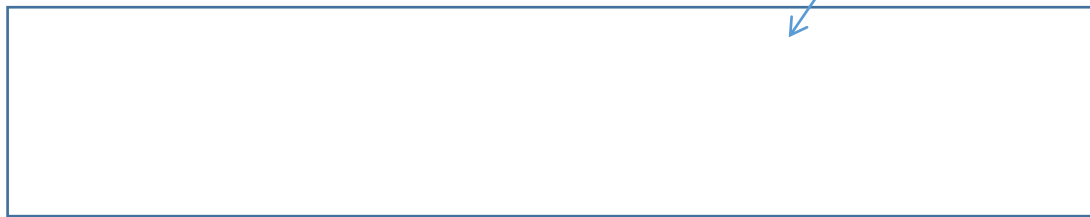
3. Write your instructor's name followed by  
Your schools address, city, state, zip code.



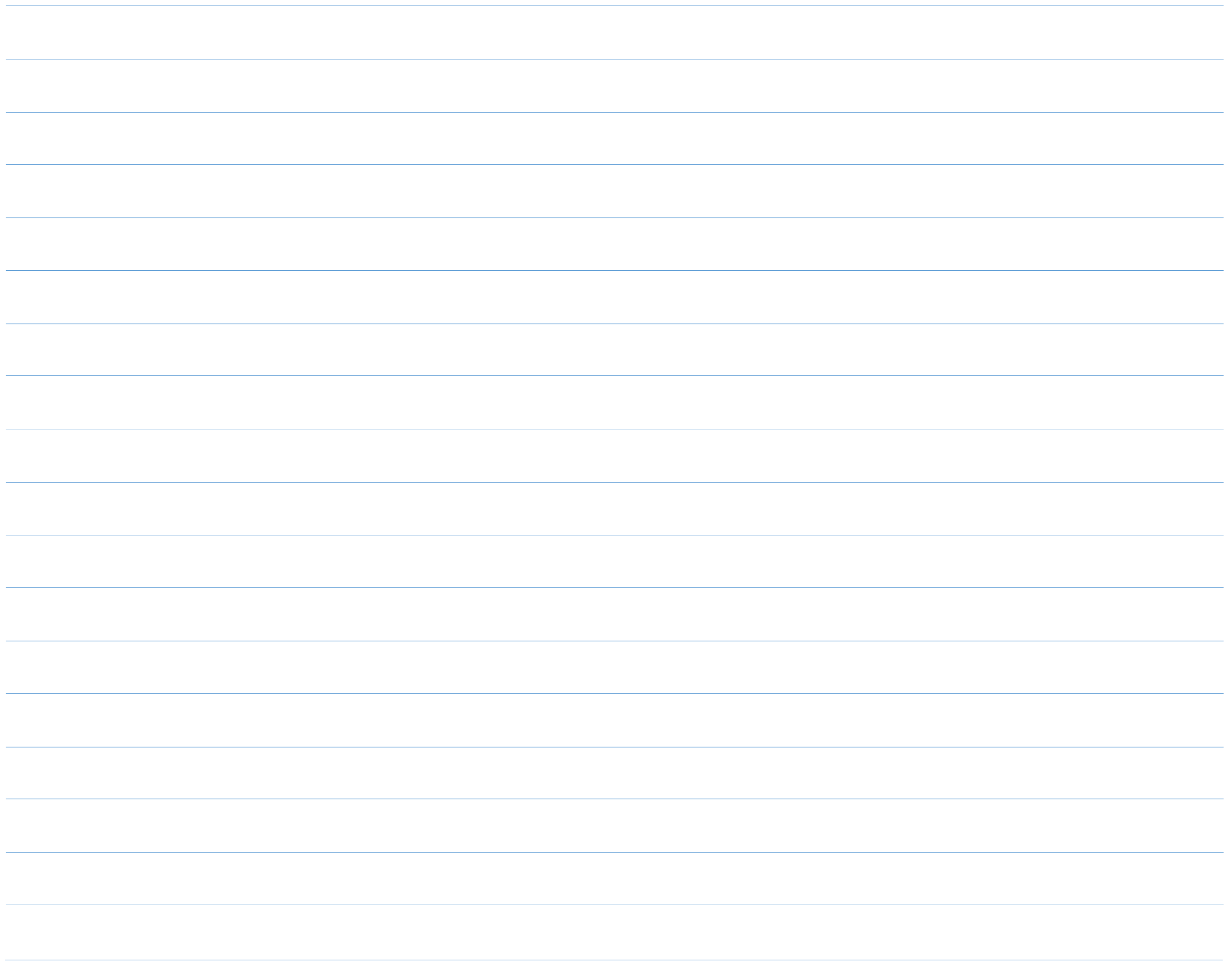
1. Hand write your letter.
2. Write today's date here.



4. Write your greeting here.

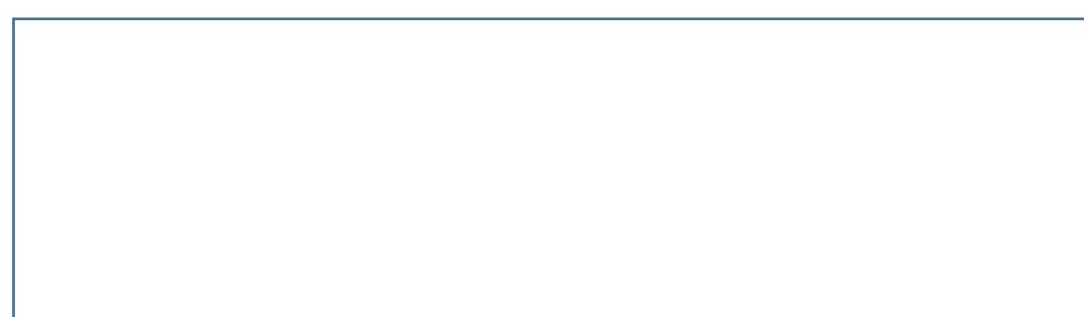


5. Write the body here (70 words)



6. Sign your letter here.

Sincerely,



# Activity 15 Letter Topic

*Use the biology information provided below to write a letter .*

**Write a letter to your instructor based on this information.**

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## **Biology Topic 48. Organisms and Living Systems**

The definition of life is controversial. Huh??? Well it is, weirdly enough. The science definition of life can-be ... and often is ... controversial.

Generally speaking, the definition is that organisms are open systems that maintain homeostasis, are composed of cells, have a life cycle, undergo metabolism, can grow, adapt to their environment, respond to stimuli, reproduce and evolve.

- *Open systems*
- *Maintain homeostasis*
- *Composed of cells*
- *Have a life cycle*
- *Undergo metabolism*
- *Can grow*
- *Can adapt*
- *Respond to stimuli*
- *Reproduce*
- *Evolve*

Viruses are an example of a borderline case. For many years, science considered viruses as sort of non-living poison.

Life is a characteristic that distinguishes physical entities that do have biological processes, such as signaling and self-sustaining processes, from those that do not, either because such functions have ceased, or because they never had such functions and are classified as inanimate. Various forms of life exist, such as plants, animals, fungi, protists, archaea, and bacteria. **The criteria can at times be ambiguous and may or may not define viruses, viroids, or potential synthetic life as “living.”**

## General Biology Reminders

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**Biology Words:** *Adaptation. Animal. Behavior. Cells. Chromosomes. Cytokinesis. Darwin. Dissection. Diversity. DNA. Ecology. Evolution. Genes. Heredity. Inquiry. Interdependence. Interpretation. Measure. Microscope. Mitosis. Models. Observation. Organisms. Physiology. Plant. Population. Protist. Systems.*

**Biology is a natural science.** Biology is the scientific study of living things – one of several of the Life Sciences. Biology is a natural science involving the study of life and living organisms. (*Wikipedia*)

**What is it that defines life?** How can we tell that one thing is alive and another is not? Most people have an intuitive understanding of what it means for something to be alive. However, it's surprisingly hard to come up with a precise definition of life. Because of this, many definitions of life are operational definitions—they allow us to separate living things from nonliving ones, but they don't actually pin down what life is. To make this separation, we must come up with a list of properties that are, as a group, uniquely characteristic of living organisms. (*Khan Academy*)

**NOTE:** A biology investigation usually starts with an observation—that is, something that catches the biologist's attention. (*Khan Academy*)

**NOTE:** When possible, scientists test their hypotheses using controlled experiments. A controlled experiment is a scientific test done under controlled conditions, meaning that just one (or a few) factors are changed at a time, while all others are kept constant. (*Khan Academy*)

**Natural science** is a branch of science concerned with the description, prediction, and understanding of natural phenomena, based on empirical evidence from observation and experimentation. Mechanisms such as peer review and repeatability of findings are used to try to ensure the validity of scientific advances. (*Wikipedia*)