

Pen Pals

Learning objectives

Language aims:

- Practice written target language
- Practice informal letter writing

Transversal aims:

- Create real life contact with native speakers

Steps

1. Explain form of informal letter
2. Establish contact with peer group
3. Write letters in class (closely monitored by teacher) & send to other class
 - Integrate correction lessons during which teacher randomly points out common mistakes (anonymous) and guides to improve students' writing
4. Distribute reply letters
 - Encourage students to note idioms, new words, expressions, ...
5. Plan real life meeting of respective groups if possible (alternative: plan skype sessions)

Methods

- Model letters should be handed out and revised in advance
- Real life meeting might consist in a school trip

Duration

Regular lessons (depending on frequency of letter exchange)
For example:

- 3 preparation lessons
- 2 lessons per month for writing
- 2 lessons per month for reading
- 1 correction lesson per month