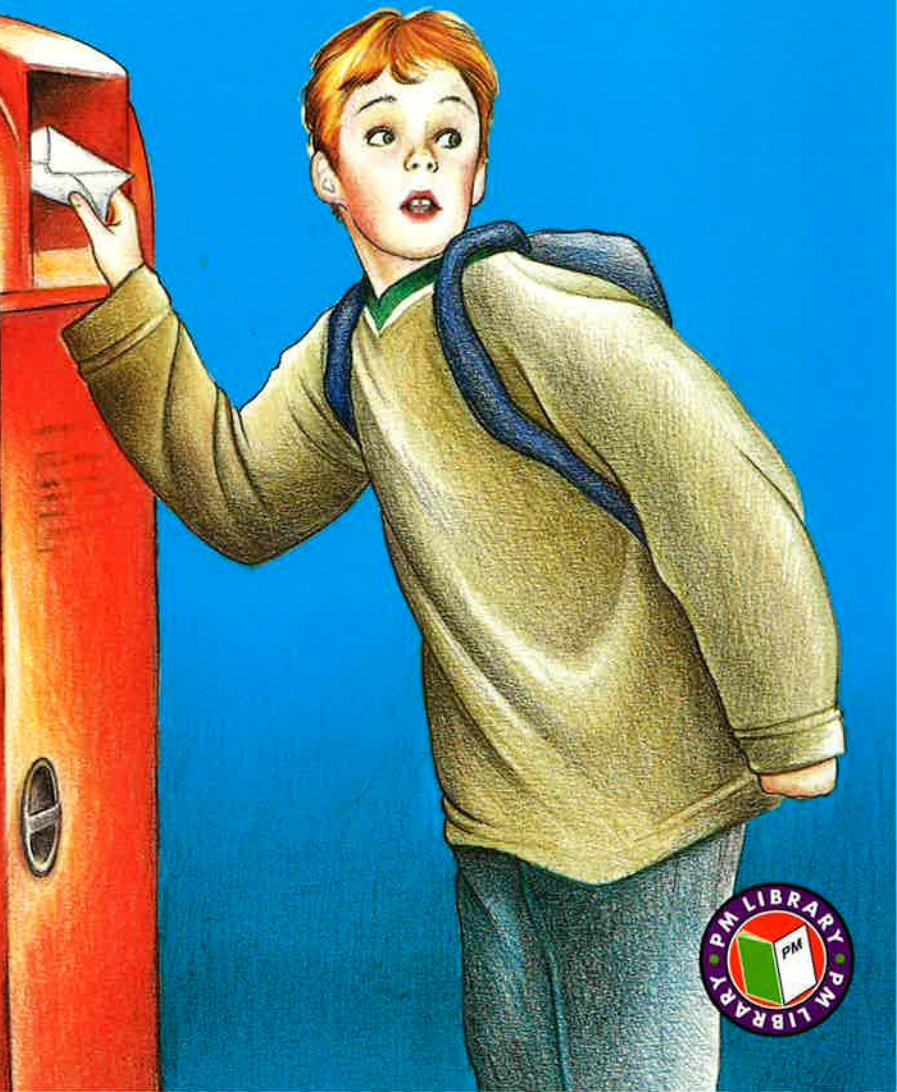
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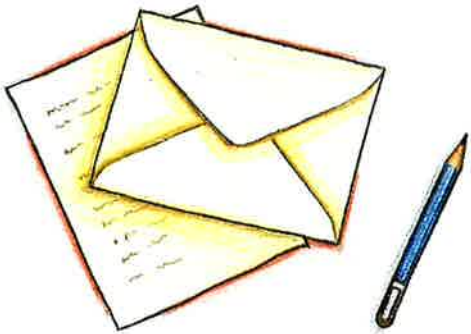


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Chapter 1

Penfriends



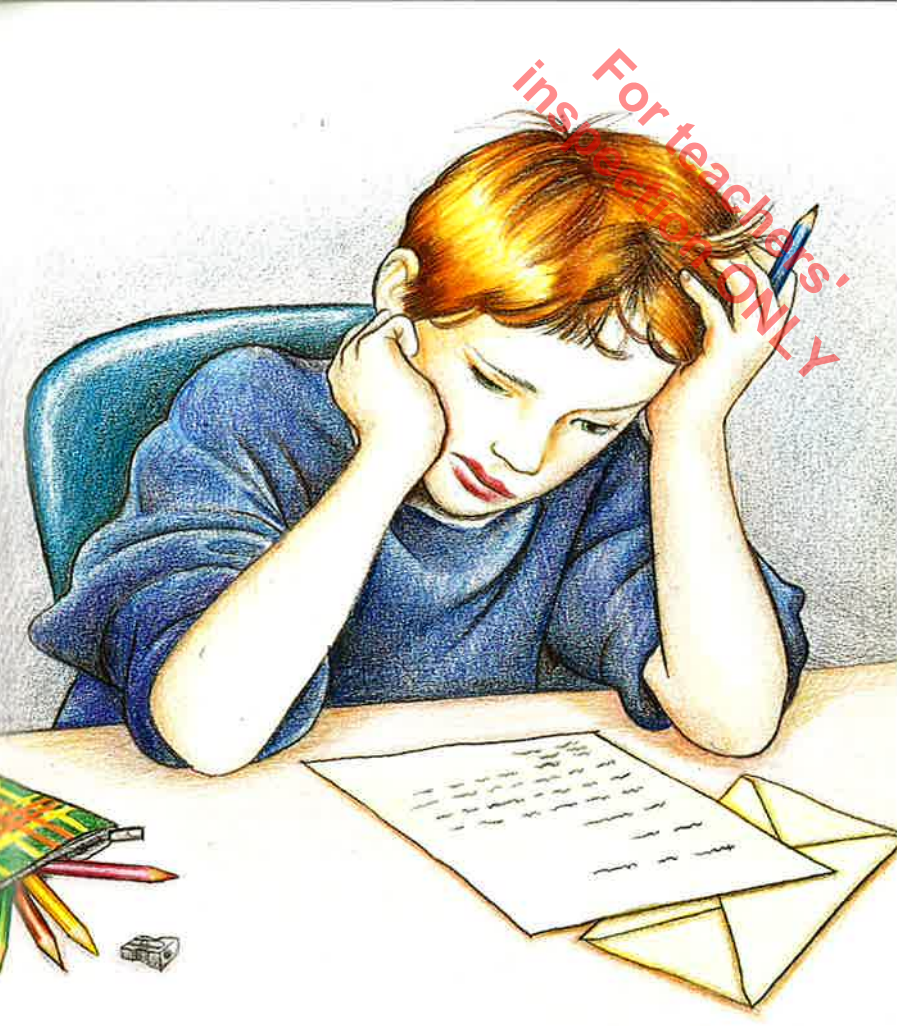
Martin's Bay School

Martin's Bay

Dear Anna,

Today our teacher, Mrs Tam, told us we had to have penfriends. She made us pick names out of a hat. Guess what? I got you. My name is Philip and I'm nine years old.

From Philip.



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Philip sat looking at what he had written. Why did I have to get a girl for a penfriend? he thought. What will I write about to a girl? Girls don't like soccer or anything that boys like.

Philip hoped they would only have to write once. But Mrs Tam wouldn't let them get out of it that easily.

Mrs Tam waited for all the children to hand in their letters. "I'll post these to your penfriends' school. Next time you can write to your penfriends' home addresses," she told the class.



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"This is a great way to make new friends," said Mrs Tam. "And it will be good exercise for your brains."

I've got plenty of friends. And I get enough exercise playing soccer, thought Philip.



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Chapter 2

Anna



Redwood School
Redwood

Dear Philip,

I'm nine years old, too. Our teacher, Mr Alonzo, says we have to write every week for the whole term. So I'll try and tell you some things about me.

We live in a big house with eight bedrooms. I have a pet chimpanzee. She has a bedroom of her own. Do you have any pets?

From Anna.