

How to Write a Love Letter

You're in love and you want to know how to write a love letter. With modern technology, sometimes it's hard to sit down and pen a handwritten letter, but few things make more of a statement than beautifully crafted words on paper to the love of your life.

More men seem to be love letter scribes than women. That's not to say women don't write them, but have you ever noticed that a man who might not be able to express himself that well verbally, finds his voice and clarity in writing?

It's not that easy to write a letter expressing your deepest romantic feelings, though. It takes time, practice, and patience to get it just right. A few pointers will help you in your quest to shower your romantic love with words that will melt the heart.

The Letter Opening

When you start your letter, say why you're writing it in the first place. Is it a special occasion? Is it her birthday? Has he been feeling under the weather? Use those prompts to get you started.

For example:

To My Dearest Love,

When I saw your hair blowing in the wind, as you walked through the park on that July 4th afternoon, my heart just melted. I needed to express my feelings for you with pomp and **circumstance with the fireworks of a hand-written letter.**

Talk About How You Met in the Letter

In the next paragraph, talk about what you have in common that brought you together. Did you meet while skiing? Do you attend church together? Do you have pets that allowed you to meet? This brings back a good memory that will give your significant other a sense of nostalgia and mutual understanding.

I will never forget that day when I went to the dog park and my pooch stole your dog treats. I couldn't believe he tore into the whole bag and you just laughed. My breath caught right there. Your smile lifted my mood. I'll never forget that look of appreciation you had when I brought some homemade doggie snacks to make up for it. That was when I knew I couldn't wait to take you on a proper date.

You may not need to do this in subsequent love letters, but for the first one or two, recounting how you met is sure to bring a smile to his or her face.

Talk About What You Love About Him or Her

What is it exactly that made you fall in love? Was it her eyes? His confidence? Does she "have it together"? Tell about all the things that made you go wild for your love.

After I met you, I found out that you had a great career, a house, and you're just brilliant! You're a teacher and you work with children – what a wonderful calling. Your patience, gentleness and beauty just attract

people toward you. Your eyes are the deepest blue I've ever seen. They're like the crystalline waters of the Caribbean Sea, reminding me that one day, I want to go there with you.

Next, Write About How You've Changed Since Meeting Your Love

Do you notice that you're a better person since meeting him or her? Do you get butterflies in your stomach when you think of him? Does a smile come to your face at the mention of his name? Talk about that. This lets your love know that your life has changed for the better – always a good thing.

This morning, I was getting coffee before work. I kept picturing you standing next to me, with the scent of your hair making my senses go wild. Just thinking of you made me grin widely. The person behind the counter kept wondering just what was making me smile so big and even asked me, 'Why the big smile?' I just answered, 'I've met the love of my life and I'm complete now.'

Close the Letter

After you have expressed everything you want, close the letter. Affirm your commitment to the relationship. Talk about how you're moving forward as a couple.

My love for you grows daily. My heart is full of wonder and excitement at the relationship we share. I want to be by your side through this life: through the ups and downs, the triumphs and defeats. You're my partner and together we're unstoppable.

Some Writing Tips

At first, writing a letter can be daunting. Don't let that stop you. Just go for it: getting something on paper will release the creative juices you need to continue writing. It's all a matter of getting started. That's the hardest part. From there:

- Know that you'll probably need to write several drafts before you get the letter just the way you want it.
- If you get stuck, say the words out loud you want to say, then go back and try to write them down.
- Be yourself. If you're not a poet normally, now may not be the best time to try to eke out some poetic prose. Either find a poem that helps express your thoughts, or just write as you normally would.
- Don't worry about being too "mushy." Your love will just appreciate that you've written a letter expressing your sentiments.
- Use the letter structure outlined above as a guide only. You may want to skip certain parts or expand upon others.
- Don't worry about fancy writing. Get to the point. If you think of a great word or sentence to use, go ahead. Again, your love will just appreciate the effort in the first place.
- Use a letter-writing site. There are websites out there that can help you put your words on "parchment" and use great fonts to craft your letter.

With these guidelines and tips, you're well on your way to crafting a perfect letter that will capture the heart of the one you love.