### Formální dopis

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### Formal Letter

 In today's Internet- and email-driven society, the need to write a formal letter arises less often than in the past. However, it is still occasionally necessary to present a formal letter to obtain information, to apply for an academic program or a job, to write a complaint letter etc.

### Useful Tips How to Write a Formal Letter

- Use the right tone
  - A business or formal letter should be written in a tone that is slightly more formal than your everyday language.
  - Avoid the following: slang or jargon; contractions such as *I'm, can't, it's*; and vague words such as *good* and *nice*.
  - Be polite and respectful, even if you are complaining.

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- Proofread
  - Proofreading is so important. Once you have written your formal letter, check the grammar and spelling carefully.
  - Use the spell-checker on your computer and then read the letter over yourself as the spellchecker will not catch every error.
  - Use a dictionary or thesaurus, if necessary.

## 1. Heading

• Heading consists of the name and address of the person to whom you are writing.

You should try to address the formal letter to a specific person, but if you do not know his or her name, at least try to include his or her title.

• Don't forget to write the date of the letter.

E.g.: September 27, 2020

### 2. Salutation

- The most usual greeting is *Dear* followed by the person's name.
- If you don't know whether the person you are addressing is a man or a woman, you may begin with *Dear Sir or Madam*

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- *Ms.* may be used if you don't know the marital status of a woman.
- If the person has a specific title such as *Dr.,* make sure that you use it.
- Here are some examples of each salutation
  - Dear Mr. Trunk,
  - Dear Ms. Root,
  - Dear Mrs. Branch,
  - Dear Dr. Acorn,

#### 3. Body - the main part of the letter

- Be concise State the purpose of your formal letter in the first paragraph and don't veer from the subject.
- Try to avoid flowery language or long words.
- Keep the letter short and to the point.

# 4. Closing

Here are some possible closings of a formal letter:

- All the best
- Best regards
- Best wishes
- Respectfully yours
- Sincerely
- Thank you
- Yours respectfully
- Yours sincerely
- Yours truly
- Yours faithfully

### 5. Signature

• Leave several lines after the closing and type your signature.

• Don't forget to sign the letter in ink.

#### Example how to write a formal email

