



DearTomorrow Letter Prompts

DearTomorrow is a digital and archive project where people share letters, photos, and videos to their children, family, or future self about their promise to take action on climate.

We encourage participants to write about any idea or theme that is related to climate protection. We only ask that participants think about someone young they love (a child, grandchild, niece / nephew, family, friend, future self) while they are reflecting and writing their letters, and to dedicate the letter to them.

On our website, we offer participants the option to use our Main Prompt and also the Help Writing Message prompts. We also included a list of sub-themes that have emerged from the project.

DearTomorrow Main Prompt

Think of a person important in your life - your child, a friend, a family member or your future self. Imagine it is 2050 and they receive a message from you written today. Your message shares your thoughts about climate change and your promise to take action to ensure they have a safe and healthy world.

Write that letter today. We will share your letter now and preserve your letter for the future.

Help Writing Message

- (1) Salutation. "Dear _____", "To my grandchildren" or "To my future self"
- (2) Share with your child, grandchild or recipient something special about you or them (i.e. a memory, one of their unique characteristics, something you / they love, a place you want to preserve).
- (3) Your thoughts about climate change. Express to them your thoughts about climate change or pollution and how it could impact their lives and their future.
- (4) Your hopes for the future. Tell them what you hope to see for their future and for their world when they are the age you are now.
- (5) Your promise. Share with them your thoughts on how you will work to leave a safe and stable climate legacy to them.

DearTomorrow Sub-themes

Partners designing curriculum or training materials may consider offering some sub-themes to help guide their participants through the writing process. Below are some examples of what participants might consider writing about. These are solely for generating ideas as participants should be free to write about what ideas and messages they most want to share in their own voice and in their community.

TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE

We know that there are so many great stories out there about people engaging on climate action in their homes and their communities. Write about the great work that you are doing, what motivates you to do this work, and how the work you are doing will positively impact your loved ones future?

FEELING THE IMPACTS

Tell us your story about how your family or your community has been impacted by climate change, extreme weather events or pollution. Tell your loved ones how the effects have impacted your thinking on climate change and the need for building a clean energy future.

EXPLORING CLIMATE CHANGE

We know that learning about climate change is a process. Describe what you have learned and what questions you have. What do you commit to doing to learn more about the issue? How can you take greater action in your own home and in your community?

BESTOWING WHAT WE HOLD DEAR

The climate emergency threatens some of the places and experiences that are most important to us. Describe something or someplace that you love that you want to share with your loved ones. What will you do to protect it?

IMAGINING A CLEAN FUTURE

It is hard to know exactly what kinds of technologies will be invented and policies will be passed that will mitigate climate change. But we can begin to imagine what we want the world to look like and what values we want for 2050. Describe this world and the values it holds, then tell your loved one what you will do to help create this vision.