



Do you think love can change the world? We like to think so! Another word for love is the Irish word *grá*.

There are lots of different kinds of *grá*. We can have love, for someone or something—like our family, our home, and our planet. We can love to do things, like spend time with friends, play outside, and make art. We can share and spread love, too—by showing kindness, compassion, and care to all living things, everywhere. **Grá has the power to make the world a better place to live.**

This year, we're asking everyone to share their wishes for a better world and send them with *grá*.

You can send your wishes to someone you care about in a letter or a postcard. Ask them to write back with their wishes and let's see just how far our hopes for the world spread.



### An Post Writing Competition

To participate in the An Post *Wishes for a Better World* Writing Competition, complete the steps below. You can use our **Teacher Guide** on the following pages to help your Junior and Senior Infants craft the perfect letter!



### Step 1: Send your Wishes for a Better World

If you were granted one wish to make the world a better place, what would it be? Write your wish in a letter or on the back of a postcard. Send it to someone you care about and ask them to write back with their wish for a better world!

### Step 2: Writing Prompt

Write a handwritten letter to An Post. Tell us what your wish is and draw a picture of your better world! Pupils can write as much, or as little, as they like as long as they include their wish.

### Step 3: Check your Work

Encourage your pupils to use our handwriting checklist to self-edit their work!

### Step 4: Send it in!

- Fill out our entry form for each pupil and attach the handwritten copy of their letter.
- Send it to:  
**An Post Junior Writing Competition**  
**PO Box 13287**  
**Freeport FDN7461**  
**Dublin 1**
- The deadline for entry submission is **18th March 2022**.





We hope you're excited to participate in An Post's annual Writing Competition. We've put together some activity ideas to help you facilitate letter writing/handwriting in your class.

### A Better World Brainstorm

Before pupils start thinking about their **wish for a better world**, engage in a whole-class brainstorm about what kinds of things could make the world a better place.

1. Encourage pupils to think about things that would be better for **people** and our **planet**. If possible, incorporate visual aids to help spark their ideas or use items around your classroom. For example, you might point to the globe in your classroom to get them to arrive at the 'planet' category, or the tree outside to start a discussion about the importance of nature in our world.

You could also create two columns, one for 'People' and one for 'Planet' on a slide or whiteboard. Then draw/add pictures underneath. We've provided a few 'wish' ideas that pupils might come up with in the two columns below:



### People



Are happy

Feel Loved



Are equal

Everyone gets along



### Planet

We have Lots of forests



We have Lots of  
flowers and plants



The earth is cared for





- Inspire your pupils with the video below. Did the children from the video mention any of the ideas your class talked about? What ideas did they hear that they thought were really great? It might be worthwhile to pause the video every 30 seconds and do a comprehension check (e.g. what are some ideas they heard?).
  - [Kids explain how to make the world a better place](#)

**Want more of a sustainability focus?** Check out [What's all the buzz about?](#), [Wales Tale](#) and [Rocket Says Clean Up](#). Ask pupils to think about what they could make better based on these resources and videos.

### My Wishes - Thought Starters

Now that pupils have gathered ideas for what makes a better world, it's time to focus on their wish. You might suggest that they choose something you brainstormed as a class or come up with something on their own. Use some of the thought starters below to help pupils get started!

I wish...

that everyone had friends  
that everyone had enough food  
that we could get along  
that we had more trees and plants  
that everyone was kind



## Letter Example and Thought Starters

Share the example letter to help your pupils get some ideas for how to structure their letter and what to include.

Dear An Post,

My wish for a better world is

My wish for a better world is that we plant  
more trees and flowers.



Sincerely,

Your Name