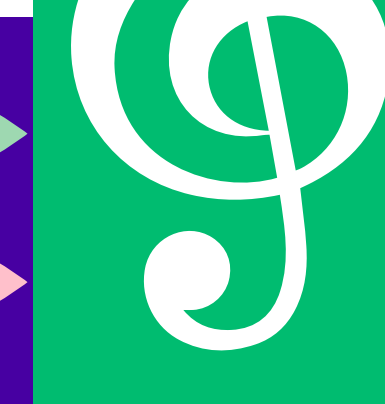
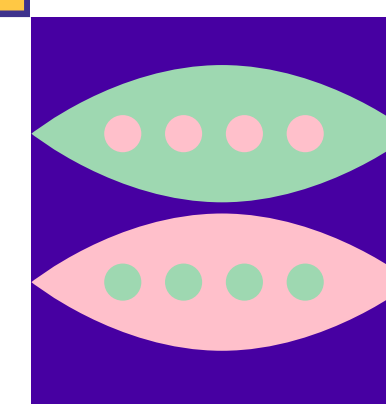
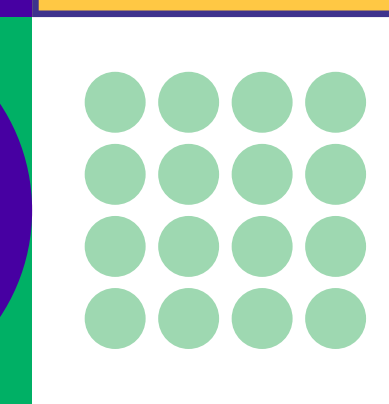
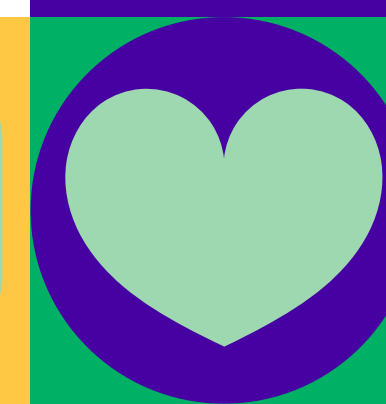
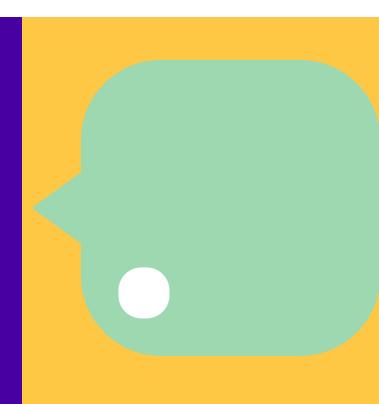
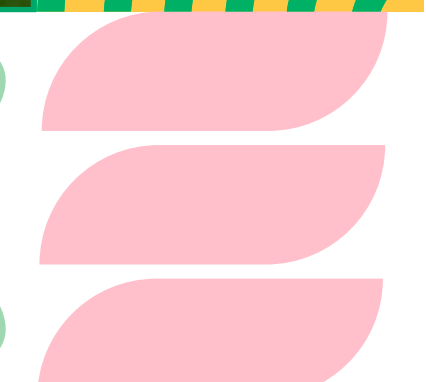
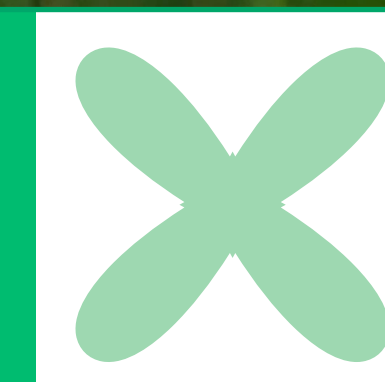
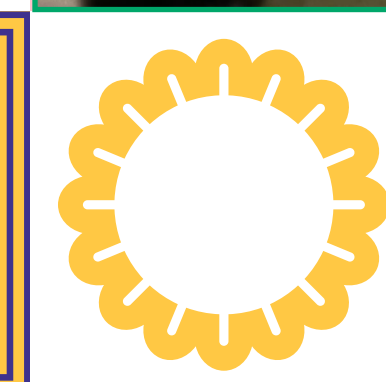
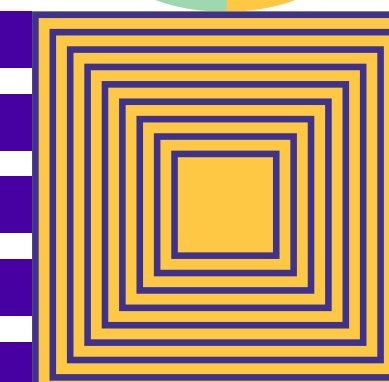
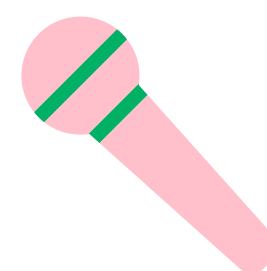
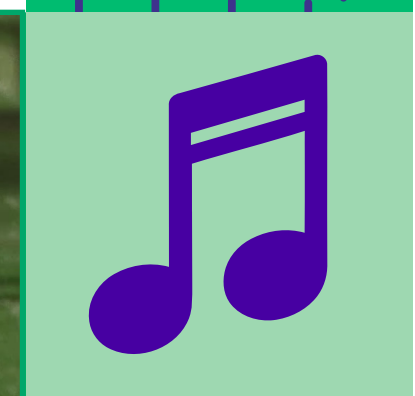
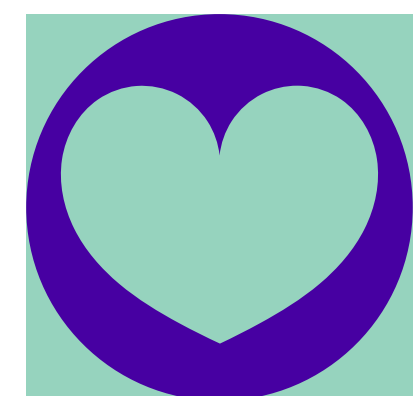


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1st and 2nd Class



Introduction



What am I?

1. What do you see in this picture?

2. How do you know it's a letter?

3. Letters should have:

- An address
- The date
- A greeting like 'Dear'
- The main message - the 'body of the letter'
- A farewell like 'Goodbye' or 'See you soon'.
- A signature

October 5th, 2026.

Kabin Crew,
Knocknaheeny, Cork,
Ireland

Dear Class,

We hope you all well. We're so excited that your teacher is going to share our video with you soon!

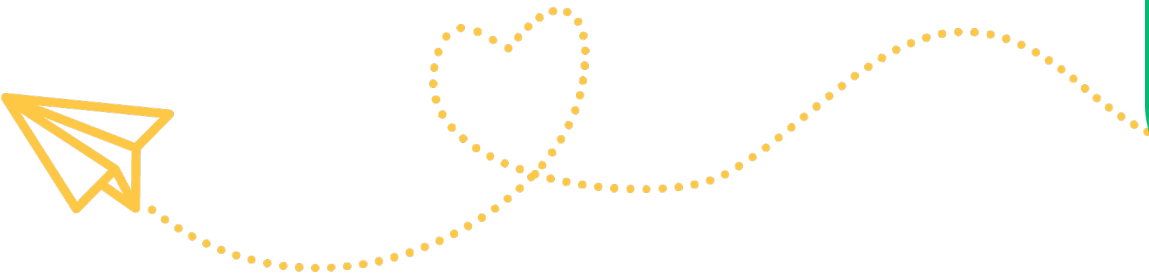


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Writing All Around!

In your groups chat about ways you connect with people by writing.



Pass it On!

1. Stand or sit in a circle.
2. Your teacher is going to whisper a message to one person in the circle.
3. That person whispers the message to the person beside them.
4. Continue like this until everyone in the circle gets the message. Make sure not to say it out loud!
5. When the last person gets the message, they **MUST** say it aloud.
6. Did you get it right?
7. Did the words change? Why do you think they changed? How could you have made passing the message better?



Video



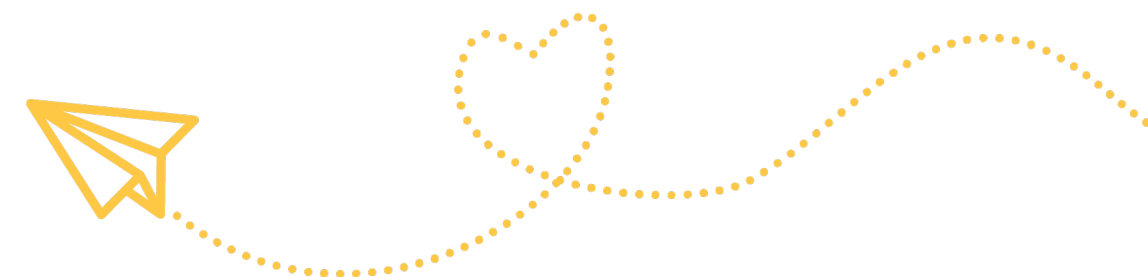
View the Kabin Crew!

The Kabin Crew are a famous rap and hip-hop group from Cork, Ireland and they know all about the importance of words.

Check out their song here
'Making Better Happen'.



Click to Play



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Let's Think!

1. What's your favourite part of the video?
2. What's your favourite line in the song?
3. How does the video make you feel?
4. What do you think the message of the song is?
5. What do you think this line means:

'We can make the world better through every word, every letter'.



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Word Power!

1. Can you think of ways that words are important?

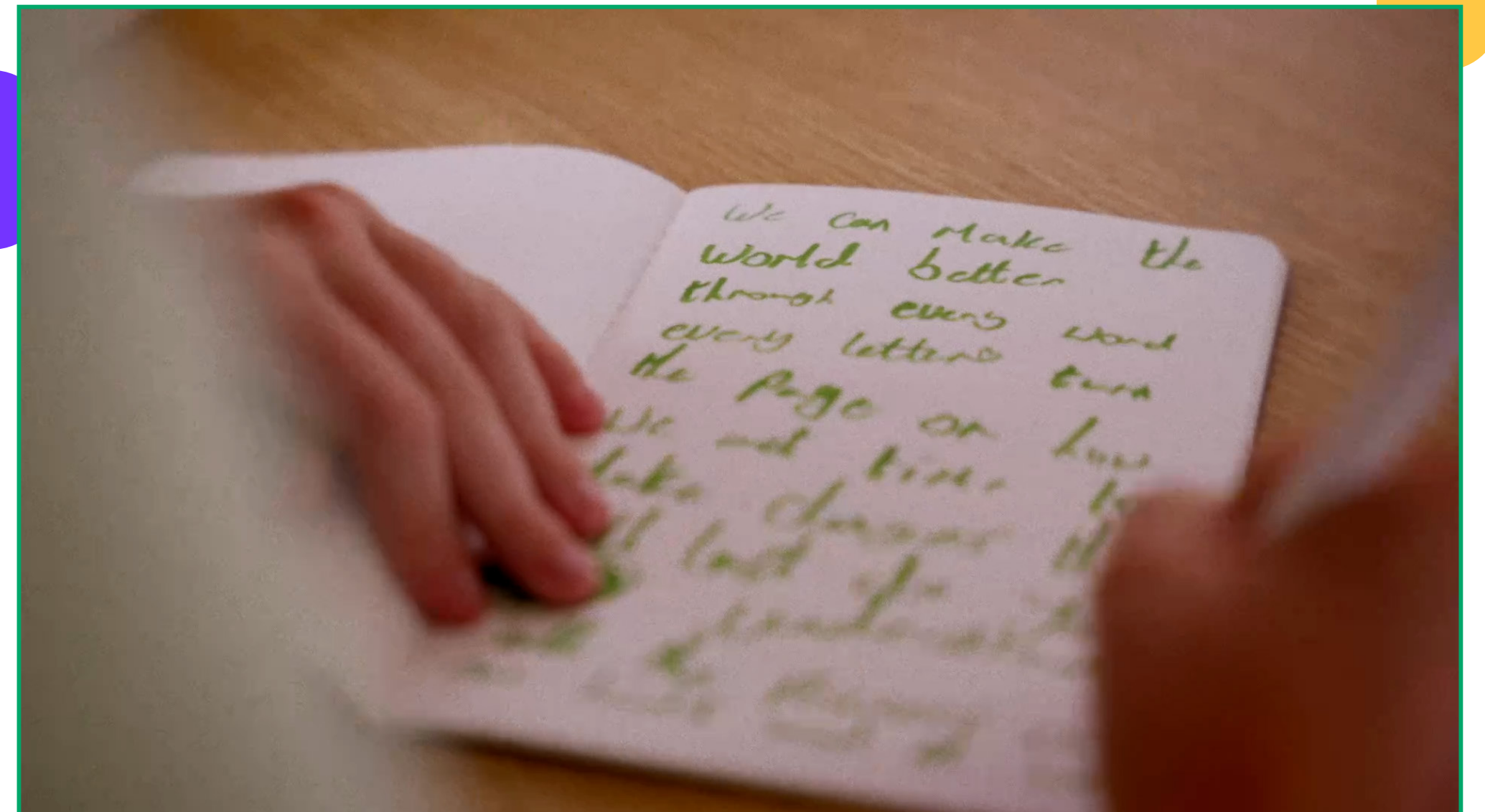
- Have you ever had to use your voice to stick up for yourself, or a friend?
- ...to get attention in a shop?
- ...to get help?
- ...to make others understand your feelings?
- ...to make others understand your opinion?

2. What would you change in your school or local area to make it better?

For example, would you have more litter bins, more green spaces for kids?

3. How would you use your words and your voice to share your ideas?

- write a letter to your principal as a class?
- create a poster?
- write a letter to your local shop / library / park?



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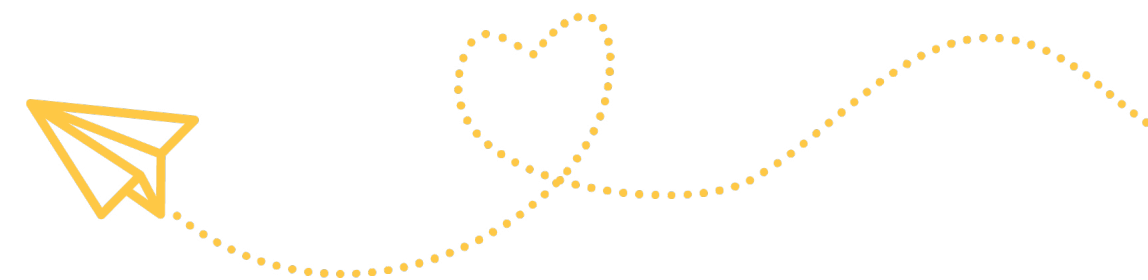
The collage features a variety of symbols: musical notes, a treble clef, a lightbulb, a heart, speech bubbles, a microphone, concentric squares, a sun, a leaf, a rainbow, a target, a cross, and several abstract patterns like stripes and dots. The colors used include purple, green, yellow, pink, blue, and white.

Lyrics Challenge!

1. Read these lyrics from Kabin Crew's 'Making Better Happen' song.

**'We can make the world better
Through every word every letter
Turn the page on how we act
Time to make changes that will last...'**

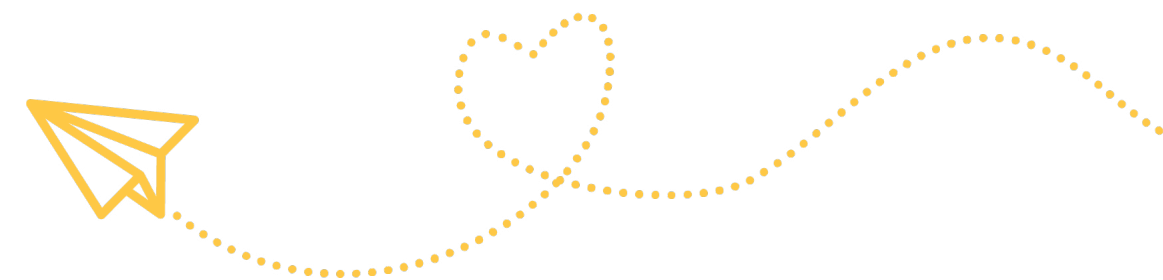
2. Continue the song with your group. Use your own words. What message would you like to give your audience about the importance of words?



Word Up!

It's **your turn** to share your rap or song with the class!

Remember you can
sing, rap, dance and
even use props!



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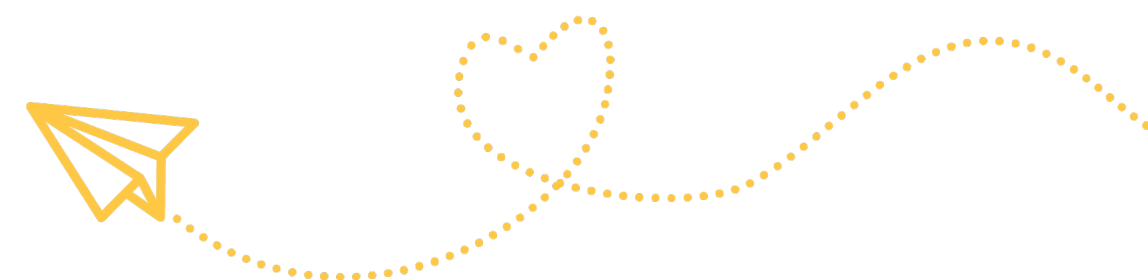
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Handwriting Competition!

Over to you!

Write your own letter, poem, rap or song, about why words are important.

How can words be used to make your school or local area better?



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