

# Writing letters and notes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Choose or adapt one of these ideas.



You are not very happy.  
Your post never arrives  
before midday and the new  
postman keeps delivering  
mail to the wrong houses.  
Write a letter of complaint  
to your local sorting office.

Write your tutor a  
letter.  
Tell her what you  
have enjoyed this  
term, what you have  
found difficult and  
what you would like  
to learn next.

You have booked a  
last minute holiday  
and will have to  
miss some classes.  
Write a note for  
your tutor.

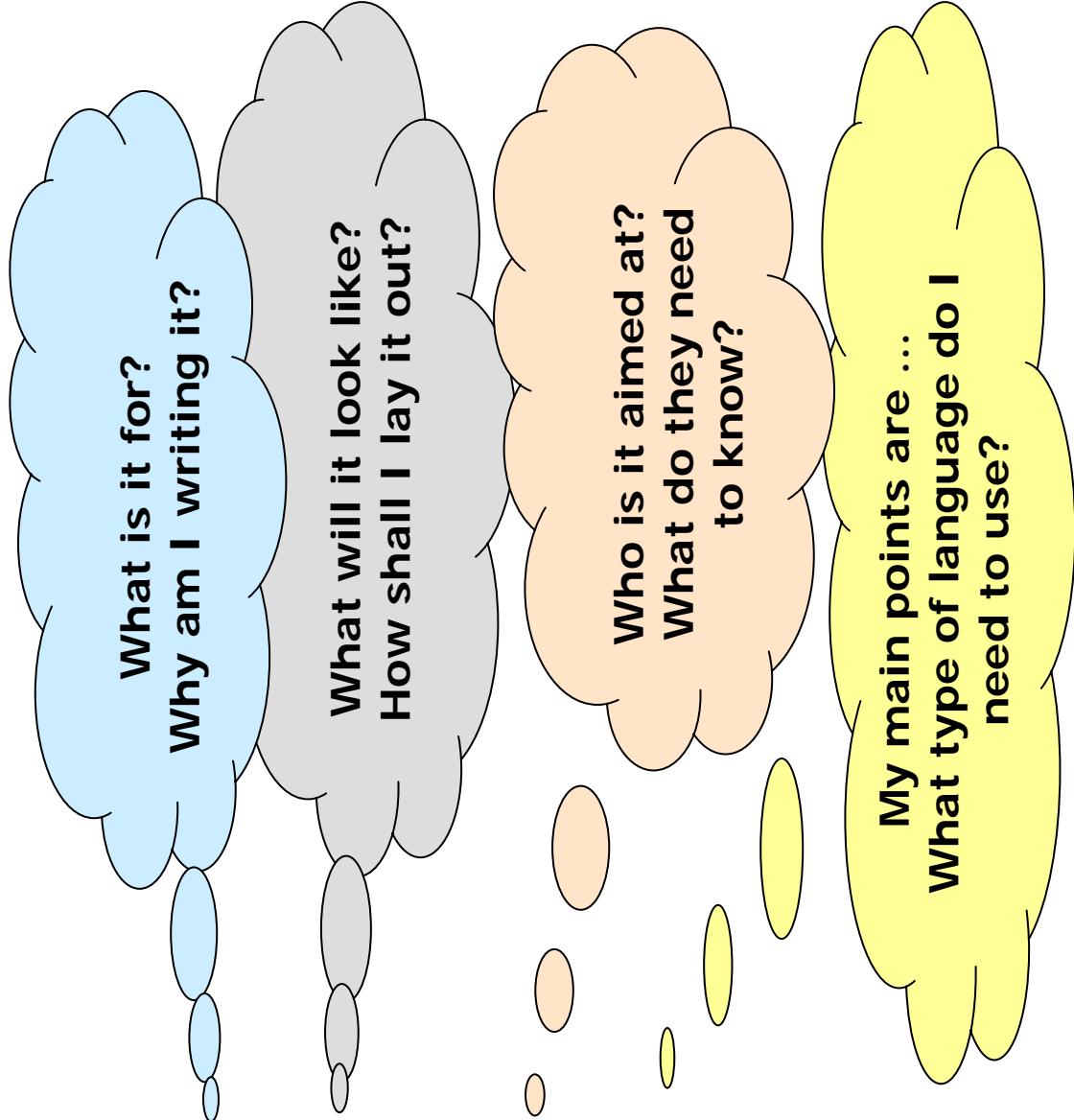
Reply to the  
letter that  
our class  
received from  
the local  
council.

You have just returned home after  
spending a lovely weekend at a friend's  
house.  
Write a thank you letter.

You are on holiday –  
somewhere hot and sunny!  
Send a post card to the rest  
of your class.

You are expecting a parcel.  
You have to go out and your  
neighbour has offered to  
take in the parcel.  
Write a note for the delivery  
man or woman.

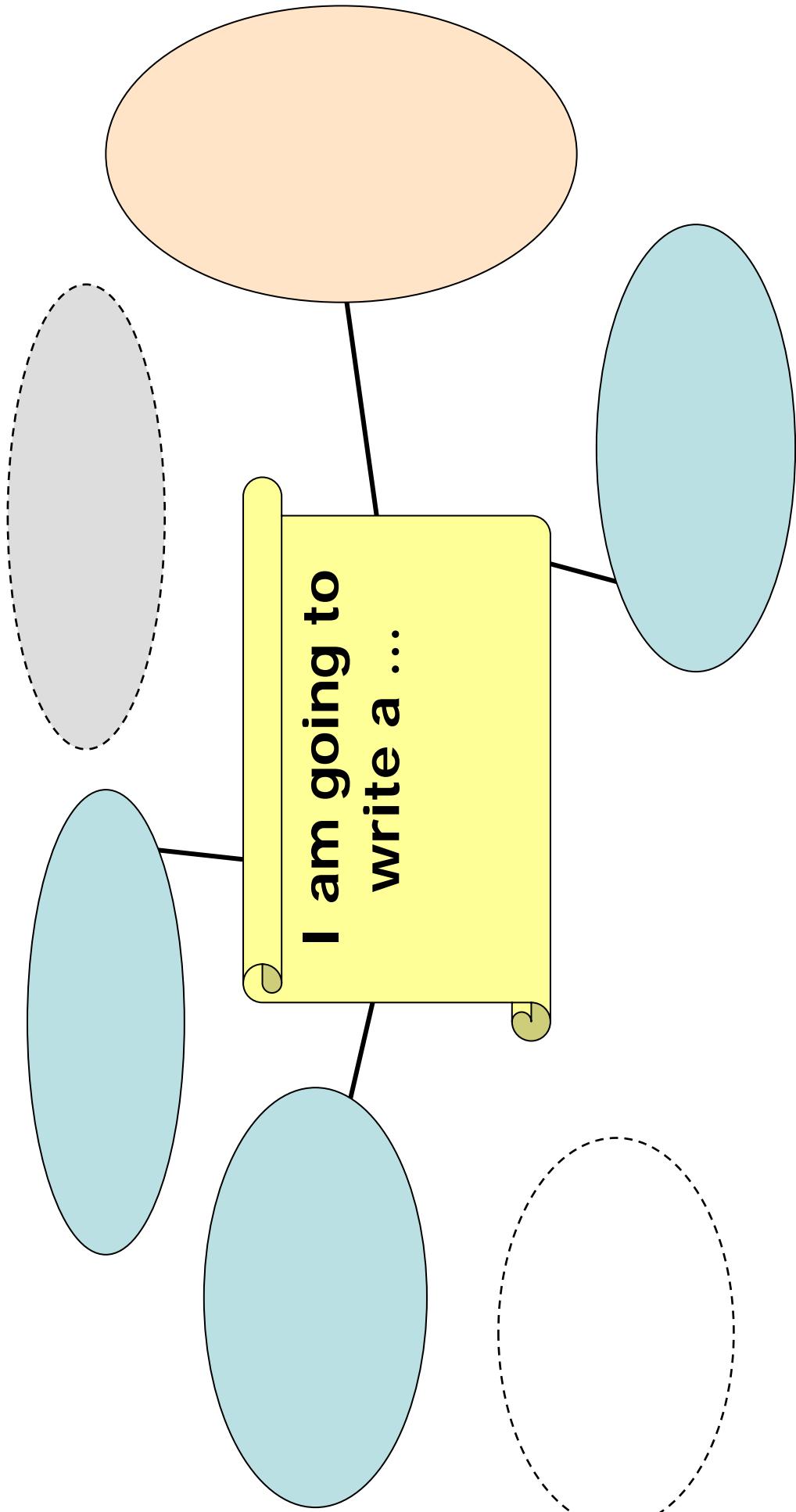
## 2. Ask yourself some questions.



*Think about  
your writing.*

### **3. Planning**

Almost all writing needs to be planned first - even if the planning only goes on in your head.  
Use a spider map or write a list of your ideas.



## **4. Drafting**

**Think about your sentences – one sentence, one idea.**

**Keep writing!**

**Don't worry about punctuation and grammar at this stage.**

**Get your ideas down!**

**You may find a writing frame helpful.**

**Ask your tutor.**

**Shut your dictionary  
Spelling comes later.**

## 5. Revising

**Are your ideas  
in a logical  
order?**

Ask someone to read it back to you. If you are working on a computer use a text reader.

**Revise  
your writing**

Read your writing out loud – to yourself, a friend, or your tutor.

**Does it make  
sense?**

Does each sentence make sense?

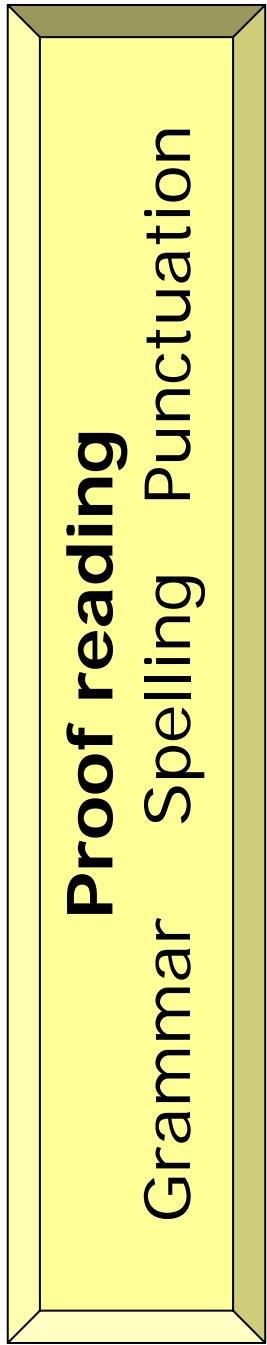
Have you missed out any important information?

**How much  
to write?**

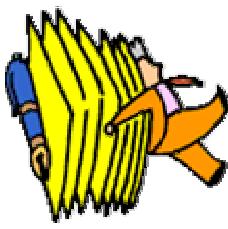
Do you need to change some words?

Have you used paragraphs?

## 6. Proof reading



## 7. The final version!



If you are using a computer – think about font style, size and colour.

If you are writing by hand – write neatly and carefully.

## Congratulations!

You have now finished writing your letter.