

# **Writing for a purpose:**

## **How to write a postcard**



# Equipment for this lesson

In this lesson you will need:

**Paper**



**Pencil or  
pen**



**Scissors (parent / carer  
supervision is necessary)**



**Photos or pictures  
of holidays**



**Glue**



# What is a postcard?

If you have any postcards at home get these out to have a look at. Discuss what a postcard is used for:

- Communication
- Recording memories
- Posting to family and friends

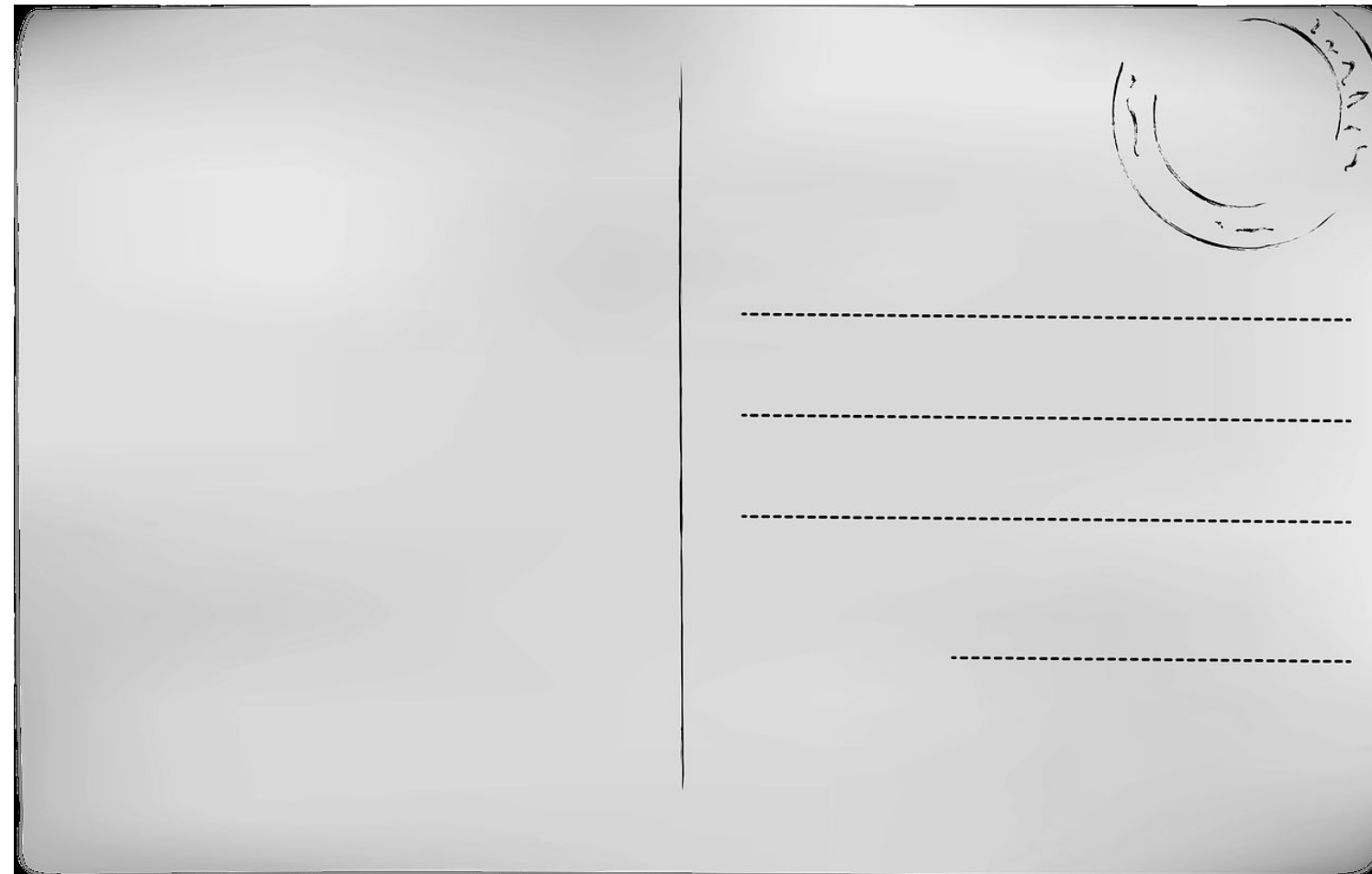


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# Using a writing frame

A writing frame can be used to support the learner to lay out their writing and remember what goes where. Talk through all of the stages with the learner. Use less support to develop independence.

<div>Dear</div> <div>Message</div> <div>From</div>	<div>Name</div> <div>Address</div>
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# Getting ideas

Look at photos of familiar holidays or days out.

Talk about:

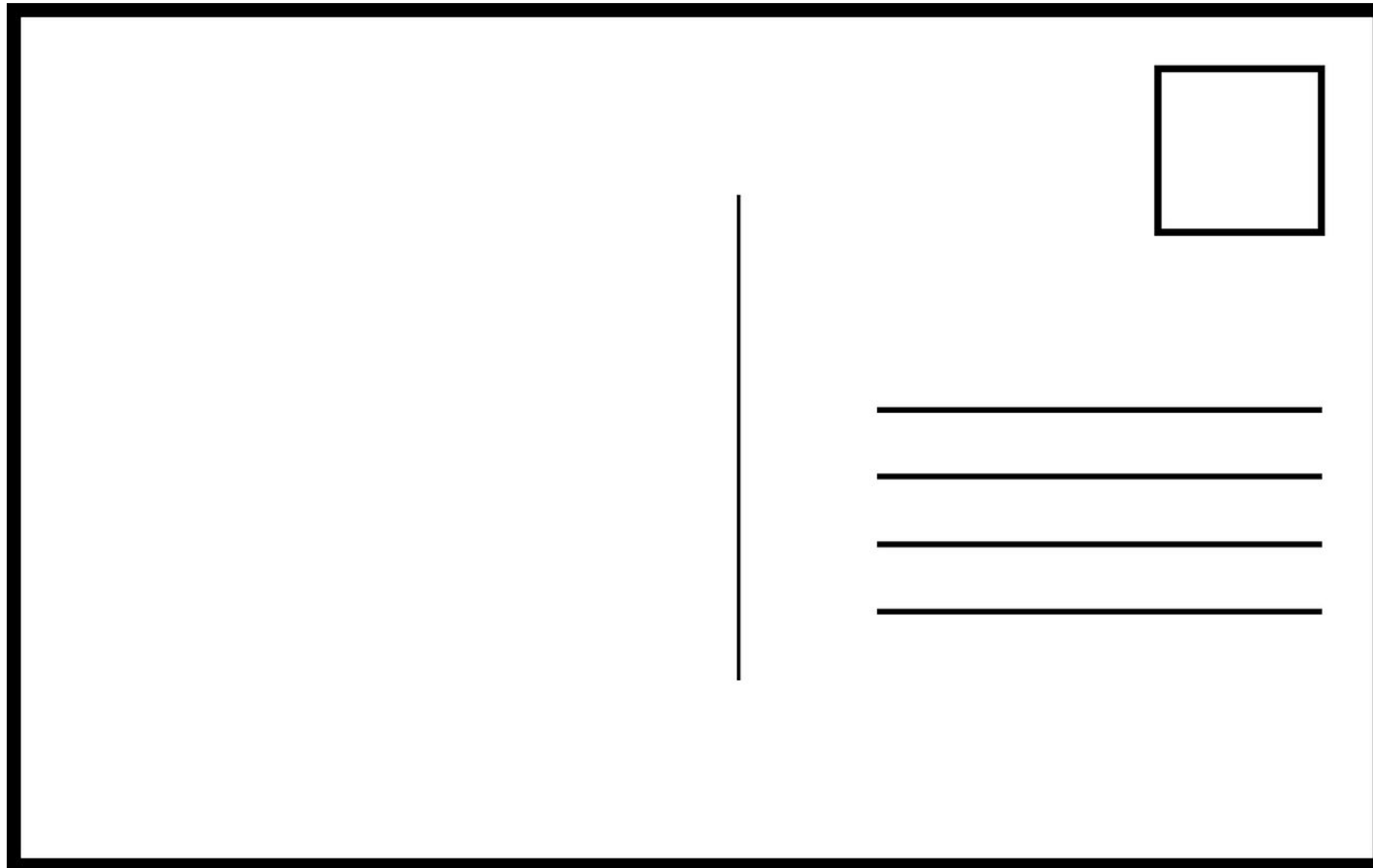
- Where did you go?
- Who did you go with?
- What did you do?
- What did you like best?
- What was the weather like?

Use the answers to write your postcard message



# Using a template

Download and print out this template (or draw your own)



# Now it's time to complete the activity

## Making a postcard

- Draw or print the postcard writing frame onto card
- Talk about what you will write on the postcard
- Write your postcard





# Pictures on a postcard

Look at the pictures. What can you see?



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# Now it's time to complete the activity

## Making a postcard

- **Now turn over your postcard.**
- **Cut out pictures from a magazine to decorate the front of the postcard**





## Make it easier

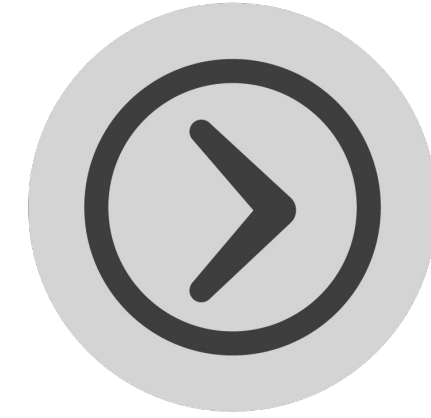
Use photographs of a familiar holiday as prompts for the writing.

Use pre-written words that can be sequenced.



## Make it harder

Reduce written prompts and encourage independent writing.



## More ideas

Make a postcard for different family members and take these to a postbox to post.

Use different writing frames for different purposes e.g. a packing list.

