

REQUESTING INFORMATION	
LAYOUT	USEFUL PHRASES
GREETINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dear Mr/Mrs/Ms Smith(,)</li> <li>Dear Sir/Madam(,)</li> </ul>
INTRODUCTION (reasons for writing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>I am writing</b> because I am interested in finding out if /whether... because I would like some information about/on... because I would like to know... to enquire about...</li> </ul> <p><i>Example:</i> <i>I am writing because I am interested in renting your flat in Devon for a week next summer</i></p>
MAIN PART 1st PARAGRAPH (requesting information)	<p><b>Indirect questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would be grateful if you could give me some information about...</li> <li>I would like to know where/when/what...</li> <li>I would appreciate it if you could tell me how much/ when/ where...</li> <li>I wonder if you could tell me...</li> <li>I wonder if it is possible for you to tell me...</li> </ul> <p><b>Direct questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Could you perhaps tell me...?</li> <li>Could you please let me know...?</li> <li>What time...? Where exactly is...?</li> <li>What/Who/When/How many/How much/How far...?</li> </ul> <p><i>Example:</i> <i>I would like to know if it is available from the 1st to the 7th July next summer and the price of it. I would be grateful if you could give me some information about the rooms and the facilities in the flat. I wonder if there is a washing machine and a dishwasher in the flat.</i></p>
MAIN PART 2nd PARAGRAPH (asking for more information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Could you also let me know...?</li> <li>I would also like to know if/whether...?</li> <li>I would appreciate it if you could send me further information about...</li> </ul> <p><i>Example:</i> <i>I would also like to know where the nearest station is and if there are any facilities for children nearby.</i></p>
CLOSING PARAGRAPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would be grateful for an early reply to my enquiries</li> <li>Thanking you for your help in this matter</li> <li>Thank you in advance for your help in this matter</li> <li>I look forward to hearing from you</li> <li>I look forward to (receiving) your reply</li> </ul>
ENDINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yours faithfully(,) (when the letter starts Dear Sir/Madam)</li> <li>Yours sincerely(,) (when the letter starts Dear Mr/Ms Jones)</li> </ul>