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Dear School Year: A 10-Sentence Letter Challenge

Objective: Write a 10-sentence letter to the new school year. Each sentence must complete a specific challenge below.

Sentence 1 – Greeting + Emotion:

Begin with a greeting to the school year and state how you feel.

→ Example: Dear School Year, I'm nervous and excited to meet you.



Sentence 2 – Compound Sentence:

Use a compound sentence with a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so).

→ Example: Summer was relaxing, but I'm ready for a change.

Sentence 3 – Simile or Metaphor:

Describe something about school using a simile or metaphor.

→ Example: This year I will study like a miner digging for gold - determined to find answers.

Sentence 4 – Ask a Question:

Pose a thoughtful or playful question to the school year.

→ Example: Will I maintain my focus this year?



Sentence 5 – Alliteration:

Use at least three words in a row that start with the same sound.

→ Example: Please help me stay positive, prepared, and peaceful.



Sentence 6 – Use Dialogue:

Include a line of imagined or real dialogue (something you or someone else might say).

→ Example: "You've got this," I'll tell myself every time I encounter self-doubt.

Sentence 7 – Use between 7-10 words:

→ Example: This will definitely be the my year.



Sentence 8 – Mention the name of a friend or teacher:

→ Example: I plan on studying with Kim in the evenings.

Sentence 9 – One-Word Sentence:

Write a single, dramatic word.

→ Example: Ready.

Sentence 10 – Closing Thought:

Finish with a closing idea.

→ Example: I will say it one more time: this is my year.



