

Dear Neighbours



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34 my name being called repeatedly. Each time, I run to
43 answer you before realising that you're only calling for
45 your dog.

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63 shouting. Half-cooked beans went flying as I rushed
73 to answer your call. When I arrived outside with bean
84 juice all over my front, I realised that you were just
88 calling for the dog.

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102 rename your dog.

104 Yours faithfully,

105 Fido



Questions



1. What happened to Fido last week?



2. How do you think Fido is feeling?



3. Explain why Fido has chosen to write a letter.



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Answers



1. What happened to Fido last week?

Last week, Fido poured bean juice all down their front when they heard the neighbours calling their name.



2. How do you think Fido is feeling?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Fido is feeling fed up because they keep thinking that their neighbour is calling them but they're not.



3. Explain why Fido has chosen to write a letter.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Fido has chosen to write a letter because they want their neighbours to change their dog's name. Fido wants to stop rushing outside whenever they hear their name being called.



4. **I am writing this letter to ask you to rename your dog.**

Why do you think that the author has chosen to start the letter in this way?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the author has chosen to start the letter like this so that it makes it really clear what the letter is about.