

## A job application letter (cover letter)

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## ACTIVITIES

- **1** Read the letter and answer the following questions.
  - 1 How does the letter start? What salutation is used? Why?
  - 2 What information is given in the opening paragraph?
  - 3 What information does Jane give in the main body?
  - 4 Consider the closing phrase ("Yours faithfully"). Would "Yours sincerely" be appropriate in this type of letter? Why?

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Dear Sir or Madam,

In response to your advertisement in jobcentreguide.co.uk, I am writing to apply for the position of Social Media Manager.

My name is Jane Bingley, I am 30 years old, I have a bachelor's degree in digital media from Northern University and four years' experience as a social media assistant at Global World. During my time at the company I have learnt how to use different types of social media, such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. This year, in particular, I have been responsible for managing the company's Instagram account and, thanks to my work, our numbers have increased by 40 percent. I found this experience so rewarding that I would like to have an opportunity to pursue my career in this field.

Furthermore, I am a positive and patient person. I enjoy working with like-minded people and I am ready to take on a management position in your company. I feel I would be suitable for the job you offer and I know I will contribute to taking your social media presence to a high level.

Thank you for your attention and for considering me for the position. I have included my CV and I am available for a job interview whenever it is convenient for you.

I look forward to your reply

Yours faithfully,

Jane Bingley

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**2** You are looking for a summer job. Use the following expressions to write your own letter.

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## Useful expressions in formal letters

Opening paragraphs I am writing to request/inquire about With reference to your request for I have just read your advertisement in which you .... and I am writing to.. In response to your advertisement in .... I am writing to apply for the position

## Main body

My name is .... and at present I am working/ attending high school where I am studying ... I would like to be considered for the position/job as I ... Even though I have no direct experience in this field, I feel I would be suitable for the job... I think I am the right person for the job because.../I have the right knowledge and experience that is needed for...

The first thing I would like to know/ask is ... Could you let me know ... Would you please .../would it be possible ..? In your advertisement you mention ... and I wonder if you could possibly tell me/give me information about ...

I would be able to start immediately ... I am available on ...

Final paragraph I would like to thank you in advance for your attention I look forward to your reply/to hearing from you soon If you have any further questions, please to not hesitate to contact me



