

Key stage 2

Pupil C – Piece A: a letter of complaint

Context: pupils had read half of 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne and collected ideas about characters who might like to write a formal letter of complaint.

Pupil C chose to write a letter from Bruno to his tutor Herr Liszt.

The Main House
Out-with
Poland

Dear Herr Liszt,

Tuesday 19th March 1942

I regret to inform you, that your lessons are boring and pointless. During my time in your teaching space, I have come to realise how selfish you are. You only pick certain subjects, you do not listen to my opinions and you most certainly do not care about the insults that slip out of your mouth. Also, did I mention the 'bone-shaker'? It is noisy and very interrupting. All these issues should be changed before your next arrival at Out-with.

Over the past few days, it has come to my attention that the variety of your lessons have been ~~history~~ and history and geography, which is unacceptable as I should be taught a wide variety of lessons. When I have complained to you about this, I have been told that they are the most important subjects and should be taught more often. I disagree with that. I believe that art and reading should be taught more because they allow me to be creative and use my imagination. ~~more~~. Now don't think think this is the only complaint letter I ~~write~~ ^{have written}, because it is not. I have already complained to Mother and Father so if I were you, I would sort your lesson plan out.

Now, have you heard how noisy your bike is? I will take that as a no. That 'bone-shaker' is loud and interrupts my only time to read my adventure books that include a series of explorers. I am not the only person to complain ^{about} your bicycle, yet I am the first to bring it to your attention. Allow me to give you some recommendations of what you could do; set it on fire; crash it into a wall or just get it repaired. I hope my recommendations have made you realise how rackety your bike is, as something should be changed about it.

Recently, your attitude has been an utter disgrace to listen to. You better think about those insults that are flying out of your mouth as they are affecting me mentally. Also, I don't understand why you disrespect me and not my sister (Gretel). I am still a person who is no different to Gretel. You also think of me as an older child which I do not like, as I am a child who does not want to read giant history books in their spare time. Your attitude should be fixed immediately!

You should of now realised how disgusted I am with your behaviour. Due to my multitude of complaints, I expect you to be able to fix your bike and your attitude ~~etc.~~ to be completely honest, you are lucky I still want to come to your lessons.

Yours faithfully,