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Open-When Letters to My Grandchildren

Twelve letters for the moments you may not be there for, from the first day of school to “when you miss me.” A 20-page printable and fillable kit.

This sample shows the first page and the sample letter.

The full edition is $6.99.

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Letters for the moments I may not be there for

You may not be there for every first day, graduation, wedding or hard night. Your words can be. This kit gives you everything you need to write a short letter for each of those moments, seal it in an envelope marked *Open when…*, and leave it where it will be found. A few honest sentences are plenty.

Written by: _____ **Date:** _____

> **How this kit works.** Read the sample letter on page 3. List your grandchildren on page 4. Pick the easiest occasion and write that one first. One letter a week and most people are done in three months. Print the envelope labels, seal each letter, and record on the last page where the letters are kept.

What's inside

- **Before you begin** (page 2): three rules that make a letter worth rereading, and what to leave out
- **A sample letter** (page 3), so you can see how short and plain it can be
- **My grandchildren** (page 4): who each letter is for, and which ones are done
- **Twelve letters** (pages 5 to 16), each with prompts and a full page to write on
- **When you can't write it yourself** (page 17): dictating a letter, or recording it on a phone
- **Envelope labels** (pages 18 and 19), for all twelve occasions plus blanks
- **Where the letters are** (page 20), so the right person hands them over at the right time

Type it or write it

You can type into every box on a computer or tablet and save the file, or print the pages and write by hand. If you can, write the final copy by hand. Years from now, your handwriting will mean as much as the words.

These letters are personal keepsakes. They have no legal effect and do not replace a will or any other legal document.

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A sample letter

This is an example. Yours will sound like you.

To open when you graduate

Dear Emma,

I finished school in June of 1966, in a gym so hot the fans just pushed the heat around. My father wore his only suit and left before the reception because he had a shift. I didn't understand that then. I do now: he gave up a day's pay to watch me cross a stage for about eight seconds.

I don't have much advice. Keep reading, even when nobody makes you. Call your mother more than you think you need to. And when you aren't sure what to do next, do the next honest thing in front of you. It has worked for me for a long time.

You were the little girl who asked "why" about everything, and I hope you never stop. I am proud of you today, and I was proud of you long before it.

All my love,
Grandpa

Why it works

- It tells **one true story** (the hot gym, the father who left early) instead of a list of advice.
- The advice is **three short sentences**, and it sounds like a person talking.
- It ends with **what he loves about her**, in words only he could write.

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