



Write a Letter to Thoko

Teaching climate change to little ones can be a **challenge**. That is why we've tried to condense the main problems into an engaging **children's book** that will inspire your students to take action. You may also want to use this resource to teach or revise informal, first person writing, as well as the common layout of letters and emails.

Saving Planet Earthly is an introductory children's book about **climate change**. The book ends with ideas for **personal action** and Thoko explains her plan to reach out to kids around the world in search of **help** for Earthly.

This activity is meant to **empower** your students and allow them to believe in themselves and think of their abilities as being **crucial** to solving climate change.

Preparation

After reading [Saving Planet Earthly](#), our first children's book (available online for free), as a class or individually, students can write a letter to the main character, Thokozani (Thoko), about what they will do to **help cure** Earthly's climate change. You can provide each student with a printed copy of the handout or have them make their own. Things the students should consider when writing their letter:

Layout, Language and Tone

- Introduce what you're writing about in the first few sentences
- Start a new paragraph for each different action you will take (aim for 2-3)
- First person, present tense
- Use of passionate and emotive language
- Informal tone of voice
- Use clear and concise language

After completing the activity, we recommend telling your students that you'll be mailing out the letters to Earthly (which you can send to us using the email address below). We hope for this to be among their first climate action steps.



We welcome feedback and would be delighted to hear your thoughts on this activity. We'd also love to read about what your students plan to do to help Earthly. Feel free to send an email to schools@climatescience.org and we'll be sure to get back to you soon :)