

Dear [REDACTED]

Good job connecting from the start!

I am so excited to be your penpal! Happy Birthday! I'm from California, too! I was born and raised in Riverside, about 4 hours south of where you are. I

miss the sunny, dry, and warm weather. I left

California about 7 years ago and have lived many places since then. After I finished my

Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of California, Riverside, I moved to

Chicago and spent another 5 years at

Northwestern University to get my Ph.D. So much school! It was

worth it, I promise! Chicago was a really

fun place to live. It was on Lake Michigan, one of the great lakes. It looks like the ocean but

without the salty smell.

Well organized in paragraphs and the space between paragraphs helps too!

After school I started working for a company called BASF. It is one of the largest chemical companies in the world! I'll tell you more about that in a bit. My job right now is unique because it changes every 8 months.

