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Dear Sally,

I 'm counting the days til you come. Don't forget to bring you bathing-dress with you. We are all very sad, because Chase has been killed. He was in the middle of the road, and a lorry (truck) was backing out of a gate (and so could not see him) and he was run over... I t's an awful shame, poor Chase. How have you done in your exams. Ours were terribly easy, but we weren't helped. Excuse my writing, but I 'm in rather a hurry. Another of my fishes: He's got a nice little dinner. Ha!



...Don't forget to learn First Class, because you must all pass when you come to stay... You have to be able to recognize 10 birds, 10 dogs, 10 trees and 5 butterfly or moths:

10 birds (1) robbin, (2) blackbird (3) thrush (4) blue tit (5) wren (6) house sparrow (7) gull (8) hawk (9) starling (10) wood pigeon.

10 dogs (1) cocker spaniel (2) terrier (smooth and wire) (3) collie (4) alsation (5) bull dog (6) bull-terrier (7) pekenese (8) old english sheep dog (9) dalmatian (10) airdale.

10 trees (1) oak (2) birch (3) fir (4) pine (5) sycamore (6) mountain - ash (7) plain (8) lime (9) ash (10) horse chestnut.

5 butterflies or moths (1) Red Admirals (2) Six Spot Burnet Moth (3) Purple Emperor (4) Painted Lady (5) Privit Hawk Moth. There are only some of the many things. I did not bother to put in ten wild flowers, because here are such a lot that almost everybody knows 7 x10. I can think of masses to tell you, it would take a book to write it down, and as its Mummy's writing paper, I can't afford to use much. Must stop now.

Lots of love from,
VJ, age 12