

Based on events within the novel *The Wreck of the Zanzibar* (Michael Morpurgo), children discussed the emotions that might arise following the departure of a family member. The purpose of the writing was to capture such emotions and to express them within the genre of a letter. Here, Laura writes to her twin brother, Billy. Writing is independent and was completed in a single session.

The Cottage
Brother
Scilly Isles
924 HNI
13.3.12

Dear Billy,

I am writing to convey my feelings with you, about you leaving. You should never have left us. Life is nowhere near the same now that you've left.

Mum is just like she usually is when something goes wrong. But we know she's hurting inside.

Granny May is distraught, she hurs me nearly all the time and asks: Oh why, why did you ever go away on that ship, the Madagascar, never to return. It meals, we always notice the empty ^{wooden} seat.

Father is so angry. He thinks it's all his fault. He has locked himself in his bedroom, and only comes down for meals because he is so upset.

Please come back! It would be brilliant to see you again. It would make us all very happy.

Love, Your Sister, Laura,

