Hi Yura,

Thanks for your letter, it was nice to read about your victory in the hockey match. How are you? How did you spend your autumn holidays? You asked me to tell you about my favourite holiday . OK. That’s really cool.

My favourite holiday was when I was about five years old. My mum and dad took me and my brother, James to Sweden for Christmas. I remember the journey on the boat. It took two days, and I felt very ill, but it was very exciting! The boat was fantastic!! When we arrived in Sweden, the weather was terrible. It was very cold, and there was a lot of snow. In England, we don’t usually get snow at Christmas, so it was wonderful for James and me. We drove for a long time, all through the night, and then we arrived at this small house. It was beautiful. There were about five little houses and a shop. In the house, there wasn’t a TV! We couldn’t watch films, so we played games with Mum and Dad. Also, we played a lot outside in the snow. It was the best holiday of my life!

Sorry but I should round up – mum’s calling me to walk out the dog. Tell me about your favourite holiday ! What was interesting ? What did you like in it?

Write back soon,

All the best,

John

*Writing tip:*

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| *Informal style* | *Starting:* | *Finishing:* |
| contractions: I’ m, didn’t, aren’t -paragraphs marking -informal words and phrases -starting a letter -finishing a letter | Hi Sam, Hi,  Dear Sam, | Write back soon, See you soon ( later), All the best, Cheers, Best wishes, |