

## letter

I

1. ['letə] *n*

1. буква  
capital [small] letter - прописная [строчная] буква  
initial letter - начальная буква

2. *полигр.*

## 1) литера

letter company - *воен.* литерная рота

## 2) шрифт

black letter - старинный английский готический шрифт  
white letters - латинский шрифт, антиква; прямой шрифт

3. буква, шифр (*завода-изготовителя*)4. буква, формальная сторона (*чего-л.*)

the letter of the law - буква закона  
letter for letter - дословно, точно  
in letter and in spirit - по форме и по существу  
to the letter - буквально, в точности  
to carry out instructions to the letter - выполнять указания точно /в точности/  
to know smth. to the letter - знать что-л. досконально

II

## 1. письмо; послание; депеша

business letter - деловое письмо  
registered letter - заказное письмо  
general letter - циркулярное письмо, циркуляр  
letter testimonial, letter of recommendation - рекомендательное письмо

## 2. грамота, документ

letters citatory - *юр.* судебный вызов  
letters credential, letter(s) of credence - *дип.* верительные грамоты  
letters of recall - *дип.* отзывные грамоты  
letter order - *воен.* директива, письменный приказ  
letter of attorney - (письменная) доверенность  
letter of indemnity /of guarantee/ - гарантийное письмо  
letter of inquiry - письменный запрос  
letter of transmittal - препроводительное письмо  
letter of convocation - извещение о созыве (*ассамблеи и т. п.*)  
letter of instruction - *воен.* (оперативная) директива

3. *pl употр. с гл. в ед. и мн. ч.*1) литература *особ.* художественная

man of letters - литератор  
the profession of letter - профессия писателя  
commonwealth /republic/ of letter - литераторы писательская братия

## 2) эрудиция, учёность

4. *pl* элементы, основы чтения; азы

to teach a child his letters - обучать ребёнка чтению

5. *обыкн. pl арх.* летопись, записи6. начальная буква названия учебного заведения (*присваивается за спортивные достижения*)

to win one's letter - заслужить право быть членом спортивной организации

2. ['letə] *v*

## 1. 1) помечать буквами

## 2) надписывать чертёж

2. *полигр.* вытиснять буквы, заглавие (*на корешке книги*)3. *унив.* заслужить право быть членом спортивной команды

she lettered in three sports in college - в колледже она была в командах по трём видам спорта

II

['letə] *n*

сдатчик; квартирсдатчик; тот, кто сдаёт внаём *или* в аренду (*помещение, землю и т. п.*)

## letter

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**let-ter** [letter letters lettered lettering] noun, verb BrE ['letə(r)] <sup>1</sup> NAmE ['letər]

noun

## 1. a message that is written down or printed on paper and usually put in an envelope and sent to sb

- a **business/thank-you, etc. letter**
- a **letter of** complaint
- (BrE) to **post a letter**
- (NAmE) to **mail a letter**
- There's a letter for you from your mother.

- You will be notified **by letter** . You will find compounds ending in **letter** at their place in the alphabet.
- 2. a written or printed sign representing a sound used in speech
  - 'B' is the second letter of the alphabet.
  - Write your name **in capital/block letters** .
- 3. (NAme) a sign in the shape of a letter that is sewn onto clothes to show that a person plays in a school or college sports team

#### Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **lettre**, from Latin **litera**, **littera** '**letter of the alphabet**' , (plural) '**epistle, literature, culture**'.

#### Thesaurus:

**letter** noun

##### 1. C

- Many listeners wrote letters of complaint.

**message** • • **note** • • **memo** • • **fax** • • **email /e-mail** • • **mail** • |BrE **post** • |formal **communication** • • **correspondence** • • **memorandum** •

(a/an) letter/message/note/memo/fax/email/post/communication/correspondence/memorandum **from/to** sb

(a) **private/personal** letter/message/note/email/mail/communication/correspondence

**write** a/an letter/message/note/email/memo/memorandum

##### 2. C

- 'Z' is the last letter of the alphabet.

**character** •

**print/write** a letter/character

a **sequence/series/set/string** of letters/characters

#### Example Bank:

- A letter headed 'Advertising Mania' appeared in the paper.
- Apart from the occasional letter, they had not been in touch for years.
- Fill in the form in block letters.
- George Bernard Shaw was a prolific letter writer.
- He had been sending poison pen letters to his neighbours, hoping to make them move away.
- He had been sending poison pen letters to people at work.
- His letter went on to give reasons for his refusal to take part.
- His name was written in large white letters over the doorway.
- I haven't had a letter from her for ages.
- I hope my last letter has reached you.
- I was angry that they didn't even acknowledge my letter.
- I wrote my uncle a thank-you letter as soon as I opened the present.
- I've had job interviews and received ten rejection letters.
- In your letter of 5 June...
- Our letters crossed in the post.
- Please reply by letter.
- Send your CV with a covering letter.
- Send your résumé with a cover letter.
- She drafted an angry letter to the newspaper.
- She received countless letters of support while in jail.
- She wrote an impassioned letter to her local newspaper to complain about the new road.
- She wrote him a letter saying that she was not coming back.
- The charity received an anonymous letter enclosing a large cheque.
- The company's name is made from the initial letters of his children's names.
- The conditions are explained in the accompanying letter.
- The editor published an open letter to the president.
- The letter concluded with a threat of possible legal action.
- The letter contained information that only the killer could know.
- The letter is dated 7 July.
- The letter started off by thanking us for our offer.
- The letter was addressed to me.
- The letter was forwarded from my old address.
- The porter distributes incoming letters to the offices.
- The postman put a bundle of letters through the letter box.
- There's a letter box on the corner of the street.
- We reserve the right to cut or edit letters.
- Words with double letters, such as 'accommodate', are commonly misspelled.
- a letter of application/apology
- a letter to the editor
- words such as 'debt' and 'half', which contain silent letters
- The prime minister has sent a letter of condolence to the family of the missing pilot.
- The system does not distinguish between upper and lower case letters.
- There's a letter for you from your mother.
- They wrote a letter of complaint to the television network.
- Write your name in capital letters.

- You should include a covering letter with your CV.
- You will be notified by letter.

Idioms: ↑letter of the law ▪ ↑the letter

## verb

1. **transitive, usually passive** ~ **sth (+ noun)** to give a letter to sth as part of a series or list
  - the stars lettered Alpha and Beta
2. **transitive, usually passive** ~ **sth (in sth)** to print, paint, sew, etc. letters onto sth
  - a black banner lettered in white
3. **intransitive (NAmE)** to receive a letter made of cloth that you sew onto your clothes for playing in a school or college sports team

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	letter
	BrE / 'lets(r)/
	NAmE / 'letər/
he / she / it	letters
	BrE / 'letsz/
	NAmE / 'letərz/
past simple, past participle	lettered
	BrE / 'letəd/
	NAmE / 'letərd/
-ing form	lettering
	BrE / 'letərɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'letərɪŋ/

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I. **let** <sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /'letə \$ -ər/ **BrE** <sup>1</sup> **AmE** <sup>1</sup> **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: *lettre*, from Latin *littera*]

1. a written or printed message that is usually put in an envelope and sent by mail

**letter from/to**

" I got a letter from Melanie today.

" Bart's writing a letter to his parents. ⇒ ↑chain letter, ↑letter of credit, ↑open letter

2. a sign in writing or printing that represents a speech sound:

" There are 26 letters in the English alphabet.

" Fill in the form in capital letters (=written in their large form). ⇒ ↑block letters

3. **to the letter** paying exact attention to the details of something:

" I followed the instructions to the letter, but it still wouldn't work.

4. **the letter of the law** the exact words of a law or agreement rather than the intended or general meaning:

" employees who stick to the letter of the law in their contracts ⇒ **the spirit of the law** at ↑spirit<sup>1</sup>(11)

5. **American English** a large cloth letter that you sew onto a jacket, given as a reward for playing in a school or college sports team:

" Mark got a letter in soccer.

6. **English/American/German etc letters** [plural] **formal** the study of the literature of a particular country or language:

" a major figure in English letters

⇒ ↑dead letter, ↑man of letters

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **get a letter** (also **receive a letter formal**) I got a letter from my mother.
- **write a letter** He wrote a letter inviting her to visit.
- **send a letter** The school sent a letter to all the children's parents.
- **post a letter British English, mail a letter American English** Could you post this letter for me?
- **answer a letter/reply to a letter** I never answered his letter.
- **open a letter** Bill opened the letter and read it.
- **read a letter** May I read her letter?
- **a letter comes/arrives** A letter came for you today.
- **a letter is addressed to somebody** (=has their name and address on the envelope) The letter was addressed to Mr. John Appleby.

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + letter

- **long/short** She was thrilled to get a long letter from her son.
- **formal/informal** The letter sounded very formal.
- **a personal letter** I don't want him reading my personal letters.
- **a business letter** In business letters you often use phrases such as 'I would be grateful if ...'.
- **an official letter** I received an official letter thanking me for my enquiry.
- **a love letter** The book had a copy of a love letter from King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn.
- **a thank-you letter** Mum made me write thank-you letters for all my birthday presents.
- **a covering letter British English, a cover letter American English** (=that you send with your CV to an employer) Always

enclose a cover letter with your resume.

■ **phrases**

- a letter of thanks/introduction/complaint etc I finally got a letter of apology from the company.

■ **COMMON ERRORS**

- ▶ Do not say '*invitation letter*' or '*complaint letter*'. Say **letter of invitation** or **letter of complaint**.

II. **letter**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> *verb*

1. **[transitive usually passive]** to write, draw, paint etc letters or words on something:

The card was neatly lettered P.A. DUFFY.

**letter something in something**

Several pages are lettered in gold.

2. **[intransitive]** *American English* to earn a <sup>1</sup>**letter**<sup>1(5)</sup> in a sport

**letter in**

He lettered in basketball at Brandeis.

**letter**

Freakuency Pack

12500 **459**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **743**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k** LETTER <sup>63169</sup>

letter <sup>36004</sup>

letters <sup>27165</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

16815 **1155**<sup>35970</sup> *nn1*

16 **177598**<sup>20</sup> *nnu*

10 **257299**<sup>10</sup> *jj*

4 **450418**<sup>4</sup> *pph1*