

## 2010 WAEC ENGLISH

You have recently moved into a new neighbourhood with your parents. Write a letter to your sister who is studying overseas, giving at least three reasons for disliking the new place.

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Dear Mary,

I hope my letter finds you well. How are you faring in Kenya? I believe that your studies are going well and you have adjusted to the climate, people, and culture of your university's host community.

In your last letter to me, you wanted to know if our dad had finally relocated our family to another place, as he had promised to do. The answer is yes, we have moved into a new neighbourhood. This happened last April because we wanted to finish the academic session at our previous school.

Our house in the new neighbourhood is good. This is because it is bigger and has more rooms than our previous house. I finally get to have my room all to myself. The compound is also wider, with areas where Mom can make her gardens, as she always loves to do. She can even start a small farm on the piece of land at the back.

However, I do not like this new neighbourhood. For one, there is only a single road leading into the community. This road is very narrow and can only take two cars, tightly squeezed and moving carefully to avoid scratching the paint off. If a vehicle gets stuck or breaks down, it becomes a nightmare to remove it from the scene. That tiny incident alone can cause a gridlock that would last for hours. To make matters worse, the road is terrible, with portions of it washed away by heavy rains and other sections full of potholes. We have to wake up very early to avoid getting caught in traffic, but other residents have the same idea, and I find myself getting punished for coming late to school almost every day.

Secondly, this new neighbourhood doesn't seem to be as organized as our previous area. In the other place where we came from, community members organized themselves into associations for different purposes. We had the streetlights maintenance and protection unit, and there was a community security outfit. We also had a sanitation enforcement unit. These groups made sure these important aspects of our lives are attended to. But here, in our new neighbourhood, it appears to be every man for himself. There is no security watch, hence thieves run rampant, even in broad daylight. Our dog Rocky is the only reason Mom's gas cylinder, which she kept outside for safety

reasons, has not been stolen. Garbage heaps dot every area of the community due to people's habit of dumping refuse anywhere they want.

Thirdly, my new school is far from home, and there are no other senior secondary schools within the vicinity. There are many junior secondary schools nearby, but I just graduated from one last year. This is a very annoying issue because the bad roads and the distance ensure that I arrive late to school almost every school day. I am tired of being punished for lateness, and I wish we could go back to our old neighbourhood where I could just stroll to school.

The above are my reasons for disliking our new neighbourhood. I wish you would write to Dad and convince him to reconsider and move us back to our old place, as this one has too many disadvantages.

Take care of yourself, and please extend my greetings to all your friends there.

With love,  
Mercy