

2000 WAEC English Informal Letter

Question: A nagging problem in your family has so far defied all solutions. Write a letter to an uncle of yours stating what the problem is and giving reasons why he should intervene.

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Dear Uncle Jide,

I hope my letter meets you well. How is Jide Jnr's performance at school? Please tell him that I am expecting a very high score in the forthcoming end-of-session examinations. I will buy the Maltese dog he has been asking for as a pet. I have been saving continuously for it and I won't break my promise to him.

Uncle Jide, the purpose of my letter is to bring a certain problem in the family to your notice. I know you are aware of the issue but you may not know that this nagging problem has defied all solutions in the past five years when the family first mediated on it.

As you know, my grandfather, your father, left a big house to his sons comprising my father, you, and Uncle Yemi. While you were away studying in the United Kingdom, the house fell into ruins. Since my father was the one sponsoring your education, he could not also raise the funds required to renovate the house. Therefore, Uncle Yemi took it upon himself to rebuild and restructure it to modern standards.

As the new house has been unoccupied for several years, my father being the eldest son, decided that the house should be leased out to tenants. However, Uncle Yemi declined, claiming that the house belongs to him now. My father offered to reimburse the amount Uncle Yemi spent but he refused.

Many uncles and aunties from the extended family have come to appeal to Uncle Yemi to accept my father's offer and allow peace to reign. But Uncle Yemi has remained adamant that the property is his to dispose of as he sees fit.

This has caused a lot of bad blood within the family with people forced to take sides with either my father or Uncle Yemi. It has been five years and still no solution. Uncle, although you are the youngest of the siblings, everyone knows how responsible and collected you are. Uncle Yemi adores you because he was the one who helped your mother by being your babysitter. He listens to you and prefers not to make you unhappy.

Therefore, I appeal to you to call and talk to him on this issue. This is because he is threatening to go to court on the matter.

Thank you and best wishes to my aunt, your wife, and my cousins.

Your nephew,
Ola.