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Class: _____ Date: _____

An Important Letter

An extension of "Alone in a new country"

The man who may be the next President of the United States, Donald Trump, wants to send children, like Gaspar, back to the country they have escaped from.

1. Read "**Alone in a new country**" (*What's Up* September 2016, page 6).
2. Divide the class into six groups with about the same number of students in each.
3. As a group, discuss the points raised in the article and draft a letter to one of the following on the back of his handout. Word count: 150-200 words.
 - Donald Trump
 - Gaspar Marcos
 - Enrique Peña Nieto, President of Mexico.

Use the PACT format given in the table below. PACT stands for Purpose, Audience, Content (with reason) and Tone.

| Purpose of your letter | To whom | Your points | Your tone |
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| a) To explain to him that not all undocumented immigrants are criminals, that many are honest and hardworking and need a chance to succeed in life. b) To convince him to be kind by giving these kids a chance at succeeding in life, even if they are illegal immigrants. | Donald Trump | | Be convincing and affirming |
| (a) To let him know that children like you wish to express your support for him and encourage him to carry on studying without losing hope. | Gaspar Marcos | | Be kind, supportive, and encouraging. |
| a) To ask him why such a large number of children have to risk their lives to flee their homes and country to get an education and decent jobs. b) To ask him to help children like Gaspar stay in their homeland by giving them better food, shelter and education. | Enrique Peña Nieto | | Be sincere, earnest, and pleading |

4. Display the letters in your class and do a gallery walk to read your classmates' letter.
5. You can also share your letters with us at www.share.whatsup.sg.