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What You Mean to Me

An extension of "Poet of Darfur"

Emtithal Mahmoud wrote an award-winning poem to honour her mother who made a great impact on her life when she was only 10 years old. To find out more, read "**Poet from Darfur**" (page 18, *What's Up* May 2017).

Follow her example - write a letter of appreciation to an adult who has made a big difference in your life. The person may have helped you in some way, comforted you when you were sad, given you good advice, befriended you when you felt lonely, or done something else special for you. The adult may be a parent, grandparent, another relative, teacher, or coach.

Instructions

1. Think carefully about what you want to tell the person in your letter. Fill in the table below and use it as a guide for your first draft.

a.	Who is this person?
b.	What did he or she do for you?
c.	How did his/her action(s) make a difference in your life? Write in detail.
d.	Thank them and tell them how much you appreciate what they did for you.

3. Write a draft of the letter at the back of this sheet and correct it before you create the final one. Write it on the best paper that you have.
4. Address the person correctly. Add your name below your signature so that the addressee knows who it is from. Date your letter and include your contact details.
5. If you are sending it by post, ensure that the address and postage are correct. Otherwise, hand it to them personally. The person would probably appreciate your letter more than a very expensive present.