

**Pre-Intermediate 1**  
**Unit 3 Reading**  
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Reading a Letter



Putting out the Garbage



Mowing the Lawn

## Asking People to Do Things

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**Don't Say:** He came **to** home.

**Say:** He came home.

**last** ≠ next

**note** = a piece of writing

**the kitchen table** = the table of the kitchen

Henry, my mother isn't feeling well, and I am going home to be with her for a few days. There are a few things that I'd like you to do while I'm away.

**I'd like you to do** = I want you to do

**while** = when

**away** ≠ at home

**mother-in-law** = wife's mother or husband's mother

*Henry's mother-in-law is sick.*

First, take your blue coat to the dry cleaner's and leave your shirts at the laundry.



coat



jacket



sweater



the drycleaner's



laundry

*At the drycleaner's, the drycleaner irons people's clothes.*

✚ iron = to make clothes flat and smooth using an iron

*At a laundry, people wash their clothes in big washing machines.*

At the same time, would you please stop at the shoe repairman's and get my brown shoes? Then go to the supermarket and get some coffee, milk, and butter. When you get home, please telephone Mary Bickford and tell her I won't be able to go to her party tomorrow evening. Tell her why I can't do that.

**the shoe repairman's** = the shoe repairman's shop

**then** = after that

**get home** = arrive at home

**telephone** (verb) = phone, call

**be able to** = can, have the ability to do something

**won't be able to** = can't

There are two more things that I'd like you to do before you go to work tomorrow morning: Put the garbage out in the backyard, and give the dog something to eat. If you have time on Saturday, cut the grass. Don't forget the grass in the backyard. The newspaper boy will come on Saturday afternoon. Be sure to give him some money. I think that's all. I'll telephone this evening and let you know how mother is.

Love,  
Alice

before ≠ after

American	British
Garbage	Rubbish
Garbage Can	Dustbin



**lawn-mower** = a machine for cutting the grass

**Give the dog something to eat.** = Feed the dog.  
**let sb know** = inform sb

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**had asked** = had wanted => Past Perfect Tense  
**will** (Base Form) => **would** (Past Form)  
**well** = fine

Full Text:

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