

20th May 1940

My Dearest Darlings,

(Evelyn, dear, do read this out loud to the little ones.)
I'm writing to you, my dears, just as soon as I have been able to. Just a moment ago I received a note from your headteacher, Mrs Pettigrew, advising me of your new address in Devon. I do hope you are all well and not suffering too badly with homesickness. My darlings, I know this is difficult but we must be so happy that you are all safe, away from the atrocious dangers of London. Just last night, the Germans were bombarding the London skies. I'm sure there'll be hardly any of Stratford left when they've finished! I received word yesterday that I shall be travelling to Kent, away from these nights of dread and fire; I will be working in a factory to support the war effort.

Evelyn, do write back to me with your news. We should be so grateful that you have all been placed together.

All my love,

Mummy



1

Find and copy one word which means the same as 'terrible'.

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How do you think the author of this letter felt as they were writing it?

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What does this opening and salutation tell you about the writer of this letter and their family?

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When was this letter written?

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What impression does this letter give of the experiences of women and children in Britain during the Second World War?

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