

# Thank you, Mr. Brown

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**BEFORE YOU READ:** Do you have a teacher you would like to thank? Why?

In elementary school, math was my hardest subject. I couldn't remember what the teachers taught me in class. Each time I tried to do it, but I couldn't. As a young girl, I felt bad about math.

All of that changed when I entered high school. High school is where I met Mr. Brown. During the year I spent with him, he was always there for me. After classes each evening, he would

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sit with me and explain all the procedures, step-by-step until I was sure to get them correct. Mr. Brown was there for me during all my mistakes and confusion. I

felt so down at times, but he worked with me until I truly understood what math is all about.

Today math is my best subject and one of my greatest challenges. When I am about to do math, my heart still pounds in fear *until I get started*. Once I start solving the problem, I can gradually soothe the fear away. I feel very confident about doing it. I can't wait to start math class in my adult education program. I just want to do my best and achieve my goal.

Thanks to Mr. Brown, my teacher.

## AFTER YOU READ:

1. Read the article on p. 18. Compare and contrast Nicole's and Angela's stories.
2. Using the template on the right, write a letter to a teacher. Write a draft and share it with others to get feedback. Check to make sure you include all the elements of the template, such as date, addresses, greeting, indented body paragraphs, and sign-off. Mail the letter if you like.



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## Letter Template

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Mr. Brown  
Street Address  
City, State, Zip

Dear Mr. Brown,

Indented body paragraph 1 text goes here. Each paragraph should include a few sentences.

Indented body paragraph 2 text goes here. Each paragraph should include a few sentences.

Indented body paragraph 3 text goes here. Each paragraph should include a few sentences.

Sincerely,

Your signature

Your printed name  
Street address  
City, State, and Zip