

**Prompt: Letter to an Inanimate Object**

Pick an inanimate object. Use the questions below to begin crafting your letter.

Your object: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you see?

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What do you hear?

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How are you used?

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How do you feel?

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What do you wish for?

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\*See example below\*

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**Your object:** (Dear) Houseplants

**What do you see?**

Big and small, lush green, multicolored, pale and pink, you are all unique in your beauty and needs. I greet you each day in every room in my home, adding character to each nook and cranny, bending and reaching toward the light that gives you life.

**What do you hear?**

You sound like silent recognition, a nod to what is possible when I give care. A spray bottle mists and a towel brushes gently across your broad leaves. I love the sound of the rustle you make as I shift you in your pot-place-of-residence, I shudder at the crack of spines bending and dirt shakes loose, I rejoice at the snaps you make as your leaves open and unfurl, a testament to the hard and pleasurable work we do together, sound of growth and new beginnings.

**How are you used?**

Thank you for clarifying my air and adding color to white walls. Thank you for being the easiest art to host in a home. I've never been confident or sure of how to create and curate on my own, so you take on the task and I support you in your process, much like I do with the students who inspire me day to day.

**How do you feel?**

I feel lucky to have gotten to know each one of you, over the years. I marvel at how much we've been through together, and look forward to each new spring when you come to life again, stretching and expanding beyond the boundaries of pots and corners.

**What do you wish for?**

I hope to have you as permanent members of my family, hope I'll always be able to pack you up with care as I travel this earth, never bound, but always rooted somewhere.

Your friend in mutual caregiving,  
Gabby