

Paddington in London

Dear aunt Lucy,

I miss you so much.

When you left me on the boat, I spent weeks in there. I had to hide in a mailbag and it ended in the train station. In the boat I ate all my jam, some people pushed me a little when I tried to go to the bench so I could sit down a little. There was a family that met me and we went to talk, they seem very nice and they invited me to eat something. They are the Browns and they will let me stay in their house for some days. They have a girl and a boy; the girl is called Judy and the boy Jonathan. They are very nice people.

London is a very wonderful place, but it is hard to meet people that like you. And I have to worry about the birds because they wanted to eat my jam bread, however I made another one.

It was kind of difficult going there, you know all the guards and all that stuff, but I like being in London. The train station is very pretty and it has my name. (My British name). I miss you so much but there are a lot of adventures waiting out there in beautiful London. I think I might visit you in a while. If I do, wait for me.

I am teaching Judy our language; she learned it very fast, I was so impressed how quickly she is learning it.

I could not write you back before because I was very busy getting all my stuff unpacked. I am living in the attic now. I love everyone in the Brown family as much as I love you.

I taught them how to make orange jam just like you taught me when I was little, they were struggling with the recipe but in the end everything went fine and we all ate a delicious meal together.

I think you made the right decision by sending me to London. Maybe you are tired because all I do is write you about this city, but I'm in love with it. It is a very beautiful place to live but the only thing that I'm missing is you and your love.

London and the jungle are very different places because London is a little more fancy, has more food available, stores instead of hunting it, like we used to do in the jungle.

One thing that I have not seen in Peru that is different here is that there are lots of buildings while over there we only have trees to live in and we don't have to pay for it. Here I have something that the Browns call "a room", is a very big place where I sleep and put all the things that I brought from Peru.

Yesterday the Browns showed me some famous places here in London. We went to the Big Ben, the Buckingham Palace (but we didn't see the Queen) and the London Eye. It was all amazing.

This is all I have to say for now. I promise to write to you very soon.

Love
Paddington

Paddington thinks why he would go to Peru

Dear aunt Lucy,

Hello aunt how are you? I miss you so much. Have you seen of my friends Fred, Lucas and Bob? What about Tara, Emily and Roxana? Have you seen them? I really miss them so much. We used to love to climb orange trees, make jam and eat it together. I had a great idea, what if the Browns meet my friends? Well, we have to go to Peru and show them everything. It will be kind of difficult, but I am working on that idea and, by the way, I am going to try to visit you.

Aunt Lucy, here in London we are fine. Remember when Lucas, Fred, Bob and me scared the girls. It was very funny, we laughed a lot. The girls were mad with us but very soon they started laughing with us, and then we ate oranges. They were so tasty and juicy. And Roxana ate seven oranges. And I remember Christmas in Peru. It was so nice giving all those gifts and spending time together with my family and friends. We ate a lot of strawberries and bananas; they were so sweet and tasty. They were amazing and dinner was wonderful, and delicious but Roxana, Bob and I didn't like that the guys ate all the fruit and there wasn't a lot of it. They said sorry and we apologised them. I hope they remember me because I'm scared that they have found another furry bear like me. I know everything is going to be fine, I am just worried about my friends.

Let me tell you that I miss so much Peruvian food, especially tacacho con cecina. Remember when we surprised uncle Pastuzo on his birthday when it was time for lunch? He went running to the kitchen like a little boy for bread and jam. It was very funny when we sat down and he ate his food very quickly like I've never seen before. I remember that we woke up early to think about a dish for him and it was very funny because when he finished the food, the plate looked like it was completely clean.

I have a secret that I need to tell you; before he passed away I took his hat and now I'm thinking of leaving it in the cemetery. When I think about him I feel so sad because of what happened in the accident. I hope you feel well in the retirement home for bears, I will send you more letters so you can know that I am safe and you won't feel sad.

There is one last reason why I need to go to Peru so much, I need to pick up my things! I hope that the earthquake hasn't damaged my stuff and specially my crystal ball from London that uncle Pastuzo gave me.

For all these reasons I hope I can see you soon.

Love
Paddington

What would Paddington do in Peru?

Dear aunt Lucy,

The Browns are very excited about our trip to Peru.

They are packing all their stuff as I am writing this to you. Mr Brown is thinking we are going to visit the city, but I already told we would go to the jungle to visit you and all my friends and family there.

We will arrive on January 22nd at 6:00 am to Lima, then we will wait three hours for a plane to Loreto and after that we will take the boat home. I hope the family is ready for a long trip. Don't forget to make your famous fried pache with bananas because I have told the Browns a lot about and they are excited to try something new.

I told them we will take a boat to the Amazon river so that we can go fishing. Hopefully we catch some trout and you can cook it for us. I really can't wait to eat all the delicious things that you make. Like a Peruvian, you are so good at cooking.

The Browns want to go to the Natural Reserve of Manu to see all the wild that live there (I will make sure these animals don't eat them). I have read that it is going to rain a lot there, so I will make sure they take their umbrellas with them, just in case.

We are also planning to go to the blue lagoon in Tarapoto. We are going to stay in a hotel that is near there which has a pool with lots of slides. The kids of the family are really excited about this trip because here in London they don't enjoy those daily adventures.

Judy is especially thrilled about this trip because she will have the chance to practice Spanish with everyone there. You know, she had been taking lessons every day with me and I think she is very good at learning new languages. On the other hand, Jonathan wants to go to the jungle just because of the trees. He really wants to learn how to climb them and take fruit.

This trip will also be a cultural holiday. I want to take the family to Kuelap. I know that they will have to walk a lot to get there and to see everything that is inside it, but I hope that they will get used to walking long distance by the time we get there.

Hopefully we would have the chance to visit one of my many tribes that live in the jungle. It will be a good experience for the family to know how they live and how different they are from the people in the city. We're expecting to learn some of their traditions and their language while we are there.

As you can see, I want them to visit another part of Peru. Everyone goes to Lima or Cusco, but I don't want them to have a trip like other people, I want them to enjoy a different experience.

Love
Paddington

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