Thursday 11th June

I can use a range of sentence starters

Yesterday you created a draft of the letter you are going to write to your friend.

Today you are going to select sentences from your draft letter and improve them.

Before you do that you are going to see examples to help you.

All these examples come from work you have sent me or the draft letter from Thursday.

Anyway I hope you can come to my birthday next year and we can eat cake.

Anyway, I hope you can come to my eighth birthday party next year as well so we can stuff our faces full of delicious chocolate cake.

To improve the sentence I have included: a fronted adverbial, adjectives to create a noun phrase, add details to the birthday.

Another example:

My Mum said I could get some wood and have a fire for halloween.

My Mum told me I could collect some dead wood and make a bonfire for halloween.

In these sentences I have focused on choosing language that is more specific to collecting wood.
You could write:
I had a race BUT I ran a race is better. The verb fits better into the sentence.

A final example:

I got the cat during the night and went to bed.

During the night, I got the cat and went to bed.

In this last example I have created a fronted adverbial.

Fronted Adverbials

Fronted Adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows.

Time	Frequency	Place	Manner	Possibility
Afterwards,	Often,	Above the clouds,	Sadly,	Almost unbelievably,
Already,	Again,	Below the sea,	Slowly,	Much admired,
Always,	Daily,	Here,	Happily,	Nearly asleep,
Immediately,	Weekly,	Outside,	Awkwardly,	Quite understandably,
Last month,	Fortnightly,	Over there,	Bravely,	Really happily,
Now,	Yearly,	There,	Like a ... ,	Perhaps,
Soon,	Sometimes,	Under the ground,	As quick as a flash,	Maybe,
Yesterday,	Rarely,	Upstairs,	As fast as he could,	Just arrived,
Today,	Every second,	In the distance,	Without a sound,	Certainly amused,
Tomorrow,	Twice a year,	Between the sea and the sky,	Without warning,	Obviously angry,
Next year,	Once a minute,	Everywhere she looked,	Unexpectedly,	Definitely confused,
In January,	Once,	Around the tent,	Unfortunately,	Completely exhausted,
On Tuesday,	Once or twice,	Back at the house,	Suddenly,	Barely alive,
In the morning,	Three times,	Nearby,	Mysteriously,	Out of breath,
After a while,	Constantly,	Down by the cliffs,	Frantically,	Decidedly unimpressed,
As soon as she could,	Regularly,	Behind the shed,	Anxiously,	Perfectly confident,
Before long,	Frequently,	In the wooden box,	Courageously,	Positively trembling with excitement,
All of a sudden,	Infrequently,	Over my bed,	Silently,	Purely practically,
In the blink of an eye,	Occasionally,	Somewhere near here,	Curiously,	Somewhat flustered,
Just then,	Rarely,	Far away,	Nervously,	Utterly joyous,
Eventually,	Never in my life,	Wherever they went,	Rapidly,	Totally overwhelmed.
Later,	Never before,	North of here,	Carefully,	

Watch the video to remind yourself what a fronted adverbial is:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zp937p3

There are four different ways to improve your draft letter. These are:

1. Add a noun phrase to your work

2. Include details about the event or activity

3. Use language that is specific to the activity (is this the best verb I could use?)

4. Fronted adverbials

You are now going to choose at least 3 sentences from your draft letter and improve them using the techniques above. DO NOT rewrite the whole letter.