Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to you because I want more people to realise how important wetlands are. My favourite wetland is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

You might be wondering ‘what exactly are wetlands?’ Well, wetlands are any place where land meets water. This could be anything from fens and rivers to coral reefs and mangrove swamps.

Wetlands are one of the biggest carbon sinks in the world, swallowing up three times as much carbon as the world’s forests! A billion people depend on wetlands for hunting, fishing, food, work and shelter. And 40% of the worlds species need freshwater wetlands to survive. Yet they are being drained and levelled at a rate three times faster than forests!

I think we need to urgently protect wetlands. Do you agree? If you do please copy and send this letter to two more friends telling them what wetland you love. If you want to know more about wetlands check out the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust website (wwt.org). And if you think Wetlands should be included in the Sustainable Development Goals (they aren’t at the moment!) you can sign this petition here <http://change.org/savewetlands>

Thank-you for reading my letter. I love wetlands, do you?

Yours sincerely,

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