Domain:
Written social interaction

Benchmark:
Give short messages in writing, such as notes, and invitations

Description:
In this task, each pupil pretends that he or she has found a neighbor, who speaks only English, to take care of his or her pet while the family is away on holiday. The pupil writes a short note, listing instructions for the care of his or her pet and thanking the neighbor for his or her help.

Rationale for choice of topic:
Most children of this age either own a pet or would like to own one. During school holidays, when some families travel away from home, temporary caretakers for the pets must be found. This is part of the responsibility that owning a pet entails.

Suggestions for implementation (prior to and/or during):
Discuss the basic elements of caring for a pet. Have the children discuss how to request assistance from their neighbors and what materials they will need to leave for the caretaker (food, a leash, etc.). Emphasize relevant vocabulary and verb use (command form). During implementation, encourage the children to elaborate as much as possible.

Note: It is very important to teach pupils how to use a checklist before they are given this performance task.

Suggested time allotment:
One lesson

Prerequisites:
◆ Familiarity with vocabulary relevant to pets and their needs
◆ Familiarity with the genre of an informal note
◆ Knowledge of imperative (command) form (e.g., feed, take, give)
## Please Take Care of My Pet

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| 5      | Filled in all the blanks with appropriate words or phrases | Wrote at least five sentences  
Note includes all required elements (items 2-6 in the checklist)  
Note is easy to understand and follow  
Vocabulary is varied  
Skillful use of basic language (spelling; word order; singular/plural forms; verb forms; capitalization; punctuation) |
| 4      |                      |                      |
| 3      | Filled in some of the blanks with appropriate words or phrases | Wrote three sentences  
Note includes some of the required elements (items 2-6 in the checklist)  
Note is fairly easy to understand and follow  
Vocabulary is basic  
Adequate use of basic language (spelling; word order; singular/plural forms; verb forms; capitalization; punctuation) |
| 2      |                      |                      |
| 1      | Filled in few of the blanks with appropriate words or phrases | Wrote one sentence  
Note includes few of the required elements (items 2-6 in the checklist)  
Note is difficult to understand and follow  
Vocabulary is limited  
Limited use of basic language (spelling; word order; singular/plural forms; verb forms; capitalization; punctuation) |

* Do not take off points for spelling and grammar in Part One.
Dear Ali,

Hi. How are you?

You know I am going to America for a month tomorrow.

As I told you, I am leaving my cat at your home. It eats only milk. It gets three meals a day. It sleeps inside the house, not outside it. I hope you will take care of my pet.

Yours,
Please Take Care of My Pet

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Good start → → → → → → → → → → → Well done!

Teacher's Comments

Very Good!
You followed the instructions and wrote a very nice note.
Your note is clear and easy to understand.
Your spelling is very good. (Note: house, day, yours.)
Remember to put the period at the end of the sentence (not always at the end of the line.)
Hello, my name is Aviv.
I go to the baddy day the 4.11.00.
My rabbit in the home.
My rabbit love eat apple, orange and lettuce.
Mame rabbit is Choomi.
My rabbit love children.
I take 6.11.04 day.
Tankyou,
Aviv
Please Take Care of My Pet

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Teacher’s Comments

Good,

You followed the instructions and wrote a note about your rabbit.

You used capital letters and periods.

Most of your spelling is good. (Note: holiday, name, back, thank you.)

Note also: “I am coming back.”

“The name of the rabbit is Choomi.”
Hi, neighbor I go to Eliu
my dog Food bonzo and
my dog love Boll and wear
Bonzo many times dog eats 3 times
Thank so you help you,

I too and Big,
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Thank so you help
Good effort!
You wrote about your dog. You included a greeting and thanked your neighbor. Some of your sentences are hard to understand.
You could write:

"My dog eats Bonzo and drinks water."
"My dog eats 3 times a day."
"He loves to play with a ball."

Remember to use capital letters at the beginning of sentences and small letters (b, l, m) in the middle.