

**For Teacher:** After the student reads the instructions, help the student generate ideas and write an outline before writing an essay as described in the instructions. Correct any spelling, grammar or punctuation mistakes.

4[A] – Dear Junko

GP1 10-3

Dear Junko,  
I hope you're well.

I read a magazine article about pets yesterday. It said that each year in Japan, many pet dogs and cats are abandoned by their owners. Why do you think people abandon their pets?

I'd like to get a parrot, but my mother says it's not fair to keep birds in cages. Do you agree with her?

By the way, I spoke to my cousin yesterday. He said he's decided to stop eating meat. Do you think being a vegetarian is a good idea?

Best regards,  
Leon

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\*Read the message

\*Imagine you are Rena. Write an appropriate response to Jeremy in your notebook.

#### EXAMPLE

*Dear Leon,*

*Thanks for your e-mail.*

*I think some people don't realize how hard it is to look after a pet. They get a dog or cat because it looks cute, but then abandon it when they can't cope with caring for it.*

*In my opinion, keeping birds in cages is fine if they're looked after properly and their cage is big enough for them to fly around in.*

*As for your cousin, I think it's great he's decided to become a vegetarian, as long as he makes sure he has a balanced diet that includes the nutrients found in meat.*

*Write again soon.*  
*Junko*