

An example of a letter to persuade the judge not to send Mr Toad to prison.

Dear Judge,

I seriously think you should reconsider your harsh prison sentence for poor, old Mr Toad. We all know that Toad can make silly decisions but on the day he took the motor car he had only just escaped from being imprisoned for days. Therefore he was clearly not thinking straight and didn't know what he was doing! The fact is that, although Toad has done some silly things in the past, he means no harm and has never actually hurt anyone. This clearly shows that Toad is not a criminal but just needs to think more carefully in future. A sensible idea would be to send Toad to prison for perhaps a month or so and then when he comes out he will be a changed Toad!

Yours sincerely,

An example of a letter agreeing with the Judge's decision to send Toad to prison

Dear Judge,

I definitely think you have made the right decision in sending Toad to prison for twenty years. You certainly should keep him in prison because he is a danger to all animals, and needs teaching a lesson! The fact is that Toad never thinks about anyone but himself. We all know that Toad is greedy and selfish, so what might he do in the future if you release him from prison now? Surely you would agree that all of the local animals are much safer and happier now that dangerous Toad is safely behind bars. A sensible idea would be to keep him locked away and throw away the key!

Yours sincerely,

## Persuasive Sentence Starters

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We all know that ....

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Surely you would agree that .....

This clearly shows that .....

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