

Should we screen for genetic conditions?



Your name is Freya and you have cystic fibrosis. You have heard that the government is going to offer to screen embryos for your condition, and that any that test positive will be aborted. You feel quite strongly about this and you need to make your opinions heard.

Write a letter to the Prime Minister saying how you feel about this testing, and why you feel this way. You will also need to include some science in your letter to back up your argument:

- An introduction
- A section thanking the Prime Minister for taking the time to read your letter
- A description of what Cystic Fibrosis is
- How we might test embryos for this condition
- Reasons why it might be a good idea to test for CF
- Reasons why it might be a bad idea to test for CF
- Any other religious or scientific objections you may have.



To help you write your letter you will need to create a quick plan, to decide what order you make your points in. Use the boxes below to decide on a **structure** for your letter.

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When your first **draft** of your letter is complete, you will need to show it to a friend who will suggest improvements that you could make. You need to write the best possible letter you can if you are going to **persuade** the Prime Minister to listen to you!

Remember that the more times you change and improve your letter, the better it will be!

