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Dear Onyx Class,

My name is Polly, and I am writing to you to teach you a little bit about where I live. I live in a town in the Western Scottish Highlands called Fort William, which lies in the shadows of Britain's highest mountain, 'Ben Nevis'. Did you know that Ben Nevis was actually an active volcano millions of years ago? This part of the country has the most beautiful landscape because there are lots of huge mountains, picturesque lakes (we call them lochs), sandy beaches, hills and waterfalls. The nearest loch to Fort William is Loch Linnhe, where you can spot seals, dolphins, many sea birds and even Golden Eagles! I bet you would like to see one of those, wouldn't you? The most famous Loch in Scotland is Loch Ness because it is where people claim to have spotted the Loch Ness monster! Do you believe in it? I do!

Scotland is a country which is joined to the Northern part of England, and makes up part of the United Kingdom, along with England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The climate

here is cool and wet, and we don't have as many sunny days as they do in Eastern Scotland.

In Scotland we have many famous traditions, some of which you may have heard of. I think the most famous ones are bagpipes, kilts, haggis and oatcakes, but I think my favourite tradition of all is our famous Scottish salmon because it is so delicious! Which other Scottish traditions do you know about?

I would really like to hear about where you live. Please could you write a letter back to me, telling me all about it? I wonder if it is a bit like where I live, or if it is very different.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Best wishes,

Polly