Parts of the Business Letter Checklist

A business letter, unlike a friendly letter, is a clear, concise document that is sent for a purpose. The following questions should guide you in writing a good business letter.

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| The purpose of the letter (request information, register product, make a complaint/compliment, write editor or public official) is clear. | Yes | No |
| The audience is specific. | Yes | No |
| The body of the letter is well organized and to the point. | Yes | No |
| The letter is courteous even if it lodges a complaint. | Yes | No |
| Necessary information (dates, model numbers, etc.) has been given. | Yes | No |
| The six parts of a business letter are included and in the proper order: Heading Inside Address Salutation Body Complementary Close Signature | Yes | No |
| The letter follows consistent block or semi-block (modified) block form. | Yes | No |
| The letter is neat and uses formal language (no slang or contractions) | Yes | No |
| Letter is edited for spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and complete sentences. | Yes | No |
| The envelope is complete and accurate with return address and recipient address in correct positions. | Yes | No |

Peer's comments on effectiveness.

WRITER NOTE: Please correct any **No** that has been circled and submit your letter again to be edited.