

Weird Things Are Happening to Me  
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Dear Mom and Dad,

I am sorry that I do not have enough courage to tell you this in person. That is why I wrote this letter. Weird things are happening to me. First I was looking at my grades and on math, I only got eighty-six percent. I was really upset and then the paper burst into flames and burned up. At first, I thought I was going mad. But then one day, Allie Bowman was teasing me about my big front teeth then suddenly, a wart grew on her nose. My fingers start tingling sometimes and I sometimes feel like something is rushing through me.

Hermione paused. She thoughtfully tapped her pencil against her nose. Then she started writing again.

I am not sure what is happening and I feel really scared. But I feel like what I am experiencing is real. I hope you will understand.

Love,  
Hermione

Hermione studied the letter carefully. When she was satisfied, she neatly folded it. She stood up and walked to her bedroom doorway. Hermione stared down the hall at her parents laughing and chatting in the living room.

She saw a picture in the hall of a seven-year-old Hermione at the beach. She remembered that day and her parents' love for her.

"Don't swim out past the dock," Hermione's mom had said.

"I won't," Hermione had responded.

Hermione had decided to build a sandcastle. When she was finished she needed to wash off. Hermione jumped into the water. She played in the water for a while. Then she saw some boys her age playing tag in the water past the dock.

Hermione thought, "If they can play past the dock than so can I."

So she swam out past the dock. Suddenly a jet ski zoomed in front of her. A wave crashed over her. When she surfaced she cried out for help. Then another wave went over her. She swam toward the surface and she saw her dad swimming towards her. Hermione relaxed her body and went under one last wave. Her dad grabbed her and carried her back to shore. Her mom sat down with her.

"Hermione," her mom said, "you disobeyed me."

"I know," Hermione sad sadly.

"You put yourself in danger," her mom continued.

"I know," Hermione repeated.

Her mom hugged her and said, "No matter what you do or what happens, Hermione, I always love you."

Hermione came back to the present. She took a deep breath and walked into the living room.

“What's wrong, sweetheart? You look as pale as a ghost,” Hermione's dad said. She handed the note to her mom and sat down in a chair. She tried to read her parents faces as they read the note.

Suddenly, Hermione burst out, “I'm so sorry! I don't know what is happening and I think I might be going mad! But it all seems so real! I'm really scared and I think that something is wrong with me.”

Hermione's mom said, “Oh, Hermione.” She stood up and said again, “Oh, Hermione. I think...” But Hermione never found out what her mom thought because her words were cut short by a loud banging noise. An owl had flown through the unlocked window. Hermione's mom screamed. The owl dropped a letter into Hermione's lap then promptly alighted on her shoulder. Hermione stared at the huge bird. Then her eyes fell to the letter in her hand. On the envelope it read:

Ms. H. Granger  
The second floor bedroom  
13 Winter Road  
Elderano  
Surrey

On the purple seal, there was a lion, an eagle, a badger, and a snake surrounding a large letter “H”.

The End