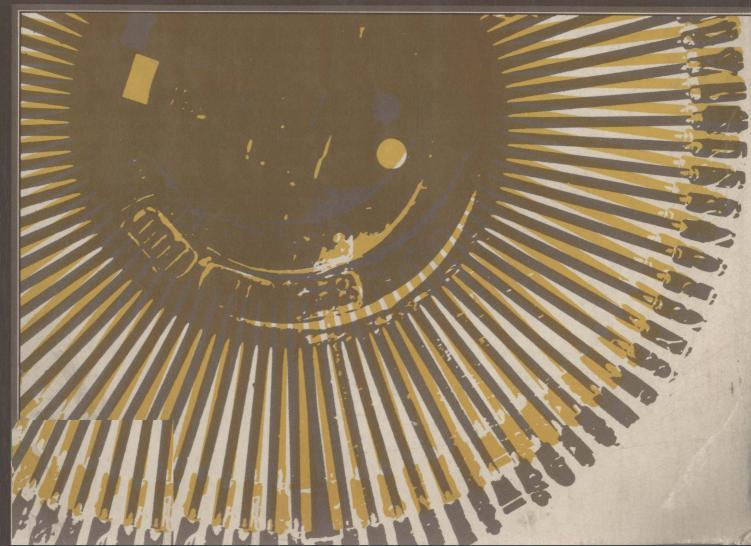
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## **PREFACE**

Word processing has become an important skill for today's office worker, as well as for the consumer at home. Today's office workers use word processing to increase their productivity and the efficiency of document preparation for business letters, memorandums, tables, and reports. At home, consumers have discovered the convenience and effectiveness of managing personal correspondence, reports, and files on a word processor.

The traditional electric typewriter used in the office and at home is being put on the shelf. Replacing it are higher-technology electronic typewriters, microcomputers with word-processing software, standalone word processors, and text-editing software on mainframe computers. Document preparation is handled differently on a word processor than on a standard electric typewriter. Different methods and procedures are used for preparing letters, memos, tables, reports, mailing labels, and business forms. These new procedures must therefore be learned.

The purpose of this textbook is to provide the necessary practice and guidelines needed in document preparation on a word processor. This textbook is flexible enough to be used with an electronic typewriter, microcomputer with word-processing software, standalone word processor, or text-editing software on a mainframe computer. Use this text to practice keyboarding and editing, as well as for learning efficient methods for processing personal documents. The

manufacturer's manual of a word-processing system can be used for specific instructions in conjunction with this textbook.

The exercises provided are authentic documents obtained from a variety of private businesses and educational institutions. All exercises have been handwritten for a more practical approach to document input and production in an office and home situation.

Correspondence. Guidance is given for the most efficient methods of producing business letters and memorandums. The revision of letters and memorandums is stressed. Also included is practice in keyboarding form letters, variables, and merging.

Tables. Instruction is given in the preparation of table format. Emphasis is given to shortcut methods in setting tabs for columns, using automatic decimal tabulation, revising tables, moving columns and lines, and keyboarding correspondence with tables.

Reports. Preparing the format of a business report is stressed in this section. Reports may be bound or unbound, single-spaced, double-spaced, or space-and-a-half. Practice for revising a report is given through the use of paragraph moves, page copying, repaginating, automatic footers and headers, justification, superscripts, and subscripts.

Business Forms and Mailing Labels. Procedures are given for creating the format of a business form and keyboarding variables by using tabs, stop codes, or merge codes. Practice is given for keyboarding, storing, and printing mailing lists.

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## LESSON 1

## **BUSINESS LETTERS**

#### **Objectives**

After you have acquired the information in this lesson, you should be able to

- □ describe letter styles
- □ define and keyboard blocked, modified-blocked and simplified letter styles.

## **LETTER STYLES**

The letter formats used for most business correspondence are the blocked, modified-blocked, and simplified styles. Most companies with a word-processing environment standardize the format of a letter and use only one style because the daily production speed of correspondence is increased by doing this. Word-processing operators usually share their workloads. Using one letter style provides consistency in revising and playing out letters that may have been recorded by another word-processing operator.

### KEYBOARD LETTER STYLES

All lines of a blocked-style letter begin at the left margin. The blocked style is one of the most popular business correspondence formats because it is very efficient to use a format that has no tabular instructions to set or keyboard. (See Figure 1.1.)

The lines in a modified-blocked style letter begin at the left margin. However, the date, complimentary close, writer's name and title are blocked beginning at the center of the paper. The first line of a paragraph may be either blocked or indented. A word-processing environment that uses a modified-blocked format would block the paragraphs for more efficient keyboarding. When a modified-blocked style letter is typed on a word processor, the preset tabs can be used to move the printing device or cursor to the center of the line. (See Figure 1.2.)

All lines in a simplified style letter begin at the left margin in a blocked format. The simplified style letter, however, eliminates the salutation and complimentary close. In a simplified-style letter, a subject line is used in place of a salutation. The subject line is keyboarded in all capital letters after the inside address. The subject line is preceded by a triple-space and followed by a triple-space. The writer's name and title are keyboarded in all capital letters, and they are placed four returns after the last line in the body of the letter. (See Figure 1.3.)

June 25, 1981

Mr. Norman Richards General Manager Secretarial Temporaries 1511 Oakley Blvd., S. Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Mr. Richards:

SUBJECT: Word Processing Survey

Enclosed is a copy of the results of the Word Processing Survey conducted by the College of Secretarial Science.

Six hundred questionnaires were mailed of which 32 percent were returned. Although the return was not as high as we had anticipated, we appreciate your help in this endeavor. We hope the results will be beneficial to you.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Gerald Meyers Chairperson

GM:abc

Enclosure

FIGURE 1.1 Block-Style Letter

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Attention Mr. Norman Richards

Gentlemen:

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FIGURE 1.2 Modified-Blocked Style Letter

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#### FIGURE 1.3 Simplified-Style Letter

## DIRECTIONS FOR KEYBOARDING LETTERS

- 1. Use the preset or standard line length on your word processor. If your word processor does not have a preset line, use a sixty-space line.
- 2. Use the current date.
- 3. Keyboard typist's initials at the end of each letter.
- 4. Proofread and correct errors.
- 5. Print one copy.
- 6. Store each letter on magnetic media (optional). List the names and storage identification numbers of all stored letters.

EXERCISES Letter 1.1:
Use blocked style and Working Paper 1.1.

Send this letter to: Mr. Walter Boone, Brickley-Boone Corporation, Everett, Ma 02149

Dear Mr. Boone:

I am enclosing a biography and a publicity picture in case you would like to use them. Your brochure looks fine.

I plan to drive up on Friday and am concerned about getting gas for the trip back. Will gas be available on Sunday?

also, please make a hotel reservation for Friday and Saturday nights. I would appreciate some suggestions on good restaurants in your

I am looking forward to working with your group. If you need to contact me before Friday, my number is 355-8000, extension 247.

Sincerely, Elizabeth G. Rumson Enclosure Letter 1.2: Use blocked style and Working Paper 1.2.

Send this letter to Dr. Steven Daniels, P.O. Box 723, Jacoma, Wa 98465

Dear Dr. Daniels:

Pursuant to Bonnie Lee's telephone conversation with you last Thursday, I am writing on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles to invite you to participate in a public property—tay forum on November 13 in Seattle.

We would be most pleased to have you present the major concepts of the initiative with which you are currently associated. Also, please respond to such other approaches as classifications of property for differential assessment ratios and substitution of a transfer tax for the tax on residential improvements.

The purpose of the meeting is educational to provide an opportunity for our members and the general public to learn about some of the current reform proposale and to examine them in justaposition.

Your participation would broaden and deepen the dimensions of the program.

(Continued)

I will be most happy to send further information and to answer any questions you may have when I write again with the details of the format. In the meantime, may we hear from you shortly and - hopefully - affirmatively? Very truly yours, Marge Baster, Director, League of Women Voters

Use blocked style and Working Paper 1.3.

Send this letter to:

Mr. James a. Inchermott, Personnel Analyst, County administrative Center, Portland, OR 97207 Dear Mr. Mc Dermott:

Our Public Works Department utilizes the classes of Junior Civil Engeneer through livil Engineering Associate II for construction inspections. Assignments are based on the individual's background and experience as they relate to the project.

In the planning department we have a livil Engineer and a Junior Civil lagineer who are assigned to subdivision review, general plans, and associated matters.

I hope this information proves helpful. You will find the you specifications you requested enclosed. Sincerely, W. J. Beardsley, Public Works Supervisor

Enc.

Send this letter to: Mr. and Mrs. John Sutherland, 507 Taylor Court, Los altos Wills, Ca 94022

Subject: Fravel Plans For Hawaii

Your Hawaii trip is in pretty good shape. I am awaiting confirmations only from the hotel on Kauai and from the rental car company.

The Mapili Surf Hotel is requiring prepayment for the two nights you will be staying there. Send me a check in the amount of \$119.60 to hold this reservation.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

brnest moore Lasy- Life Travel Agency Send this letter to:

Mr. Robert Billings

Senior Personnel Analyst

Buckingham County Lovernment Center

901 Mountain Avenue

Buckingham, NA 23921

Dear Mr. Billings:

On behalf of one of our member agencies, Roanoke County is conducting a brief survey on municipal judicial districts. This is necessitated by our creation of a new district.

We would appreciate your assistance in completing the attached questionnaire and providing us with the requested information on lach of your municipal judicial districts.

Please return the questionnaire by Friday, November 26. If you cannot do so, please telephone the information to us by that date. If you have any questions, please do not he sitate to call. Sincerely, Samuel Peterson, Personnel analyst II (nc.

Letter 1.6:
Use blocked style and Working Paper 1.6.

Send this letter to Mrs. norma Williams, 65 Park Avenue, San Jose, Ca 95125

Dear norma,

I would like to thank you, harlene, Heorge, and Doris for sharing your experiences regarding self. paced typewriting with me. Iveryone was so gracious to answer my barrage of questions so frankly.

Morma, I am cenclosing two of my machine transcription handouts, a class assignment sheet, and a student record sheet. If at any time you would like more information on our machine transcription class, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Marty Fowler

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