

about the things that you didn't know you would miss. This is an example written by Tina who lives in Salford. She has been missing lots of things about school.

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I didn't know I'd miss -  
the hum of everyone in assembly  
and the joyful sound of us singing together.

I didn't know I'd miss -  
Miss Wood on the flipchart writing up our ideas  
as we make up a story together  
and the room is alive with creativity.

I didn't know I'd miss -  
meeting with my friends each morning,  
even when the playground was cold.

I didn't know I'd miss -  
showing the little ones how to read  
and help my friends with tidying up the class.

I didn't know I'd miss -  
my pencil case with all my pencils  
and the smell of the inside of my school bag.

I didn't know I'd miss -  
finding a new book that I love from the class library.

I didn't know I'd miss -  
school dinners, especially  
the thick layer on top of custard.

By Tina

**Writing tip: Make a short list of things that you have missed. Make them real things that matter to you and you look forwards to going back to. Then take each one in turn and add to the idea so that reader understands what you are missing.**