

Hey [Cousin's Name],

I hope this letter finds you well and in great spirits. I just wanted to write to you because I feel really bad about missing the family gathering last [day/event]. I was honestly looking forward to it and catching up with everyone, especially you.

Unfortunately, I had to miss it because [briefly explain your reason, e.g., I had an unexpected project at work/I wasn't feeling well/there was an urgent commitment I couldn't avoid]. I'm really sorry for not being able to make it. I heard from mom/dad that everyone had a great time and that the food (and the jokes!) were amazing. I definitely missed out!

Things have been a bit hectic here lately- [brief update about your life, e.g., work/school/any exciting news]. But I'm hoping things will calm down soon, and we can plan something together. Maybe a mini get-together or a catch-up call? Let me know when you're free!

Anyway, I hope everyone at home is doing well. Please give my love to aunt, uncle, and the rest of the gang. I really missed you all and hope to make it up to you soon.

Take care and talk soon!

With lots of love,
[Your Name]