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iside address (name,

title, company, full

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12 November 200-

Mr Alan Hill
General Manager
Long Printing Co Ltd
34 Wood Lane
London
WC1 8TJ

Salutation

Dear Alan

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FULLY BLOCKED LETTER LAYOUT

This layout has become firmly established as the most popular way of setting out letters, fax messages, memos, reports – in fact all business communications. The main feature of fully blocked style is that all lines begin at the left-hand margin.

Body of letter a line space between paragraphs)

Open punctuation is usually used with the fully blocked layout. This means that no punctuation marks are necessary in the reference, date, inside address, salutation and closing section. Of course essential punctuation must still be used in the text of the message itself. However, remember to use commas minimally today; they should be used only when their omission would make the sense of the message unclear.

Consistency is important in layout and spacing of all documents. It is usual to leave just one clear line space between each section.

I enclose some other examples of fully blocked layout as used in fax messages and memoranda.

Most people agree that this layout is very attractive and easy to produce as well as businesslike.

Complimentary close -

Yours sincerely

Shirley Taylor

Name of sender

SHIRLEY TAYLOR (Miss)

nder's designation or department

Training Specialist

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