

Hi _____

Freestyle Area—Let your child know how much you are looking forward to seeing them when they come for a visit.

My First **Booth Visit**

Today is visiting day at my mum and dad's prison!

I've been looking forward to visiting day for ages and I'm so excited that I can't stop **hop, hop, hopping!**



If I stand on one leg and **wobble, wobble, wobble** this is what I can see!

A friendly dog at the gate waiting to welcome me!

He licks and sniffs all over my clothes. I can smell his doggy breath and feel his wet doggy nose! **Poke, poke, poke!**

If I crunch up my eyes and **squint, squint, squint** then this is what I will see!

Big fences and gates almost as big as the sky. I didn't know that prisons are like castles! What a fantastic place for my mum and dad to stay. Not even a ferocious giant, a monster from space, a dinosaur or a tiger could get inside and hurt my mum or dad!



If I make a spy glass with my hands and **look, look, look**, this is what I can see.

Lines of other visitors are getting searched! Machines are buzzing and pinging, and a prison officer is waiving a special wand all around with big **swoosh, swoosh, swooshes!** Perhaps they're looking for lollies and sweets? They must be super hungry!



If I trip trot and hop along in a tidy-line then this is what I will see!

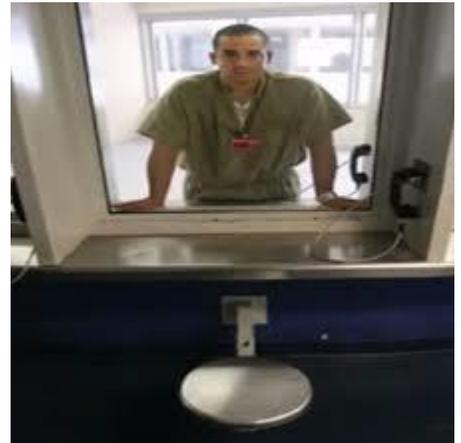
Through some doors, along a corridor and then into long shaped room with lots of booths. I pretend to be a sheep and happily **trot, trot, trot** along. I quietly baa to myself as I trip trot along (but I don't poop like a sheep!) as we find our special booth where we'll sit.



Question: What is a booth?
Answer: In prisons a booth is a special area for you to meet with your mum & dad. There is usually a thick plastic screen that you can see your parent behind. There will be holes in the screen so that you can hear each other. You can't touch each other just in case you pass on **cold or flu germs**. Booth visits are really cool so make sure you have lots of smiles ready for your mum & dad.



If my hearts beating like a drum and butterfly's, are flapping in my tum...This is because of what's coming up next! Finally, waiting for me behind the special plastic is my mum and dad with big smiles just for me!



Waddle, waddle, waddle, I'm a duck quackity, quacking & this is what I will hear. Its chat-a-chat-a-chat time!

Adults like to **yack, yack, yack** and to me it sounds just like **quack, quack, quack** louder than ducks at a pond!



It's just like Christmas here with lots of tinkly Reindeer! I can hear prison officers walking about making happy jingle noises with their shiny keys and silver chains!



Some officers will walk fast;
Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle!

Some officers will amble and
sway; **Chinkle, chinkle, hop
chinkle-choo!**

And... some officers will trot!
Tinky, tinky, clinky, tinky



Tick, tick, tock I'm the hands on a
clock and this is what happens next!

Its ...see ya later alligator time!

Adults can act strange when it's time to
say good-bye and often they like to cry!

If this happens just join in and see who
makes the most tear water!



But you mustn't worry!

Just give them a big hug
and be brave...

...Because you'll come and
visit mum and dad **again**
and **again** and **again** and
again and ...!

I'm back at home now and I'm feeling **flat, flat, poop and a scoop!**

I miss my mum and I miss my dad and this makes me feel sad. But I know they won't want me to plop around feeling all doomy and gloomy! Instead I'll give thanks because my mum and dad are the best mum and dad in the whole wide-world to me & I'm blessed that we are a loving and special family!

Hey Mum or Dad: Can you write or draw something special for your child in this space:

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