



My dear friend,

My name is Silence Dogood, and I love to pull pranks.

Once, I put gummy worms in the shoes of my siblings for them to discover later on. When they tried to put their shoes on, they were very surprised to find worms inside! What kind of funny pranks have you pulled?

Here is a fun fact about me: I am not a real person, but I am in the history books. How do you think that could be?

Please see the second page for the answer!

I am,
friend,
your obedient servant,

Silence Dogood



Hello _____,

Silence Dogood was a fake name, also known as a pen name, used by our founding father Benjamin Franklin in letters he wrote at age 16 to be published in his brother James' newspaper in Boston, Massachusetts.

Benjamin didn't think his brother would publish the letters if he knew it was Benjamin writing, so Ben used fake handwriting and a name he made up!

It was a very clever prank and it fooled many people. Some people even wrote Silence Dogood marriage proposals! Can you believe that?!

Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,