

Letters from Here to There



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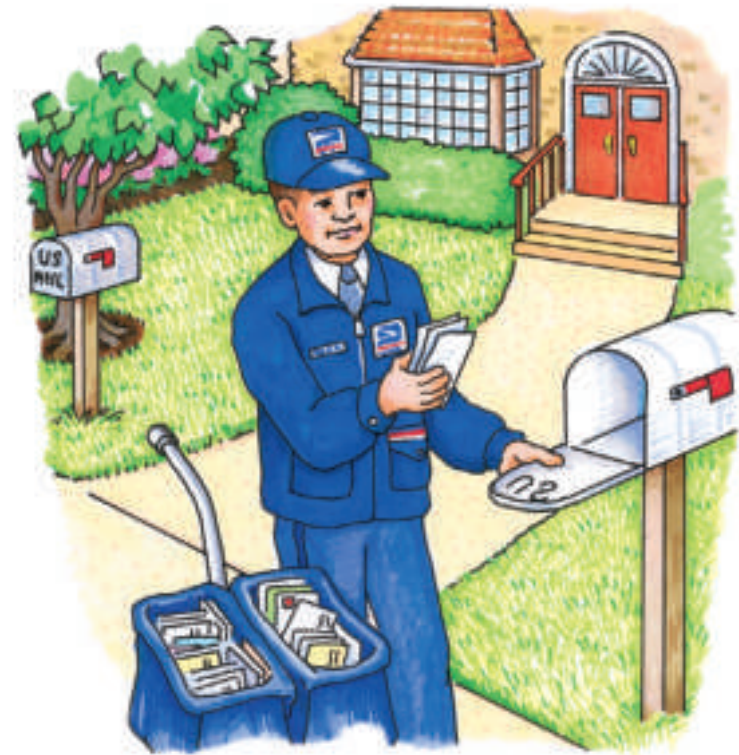
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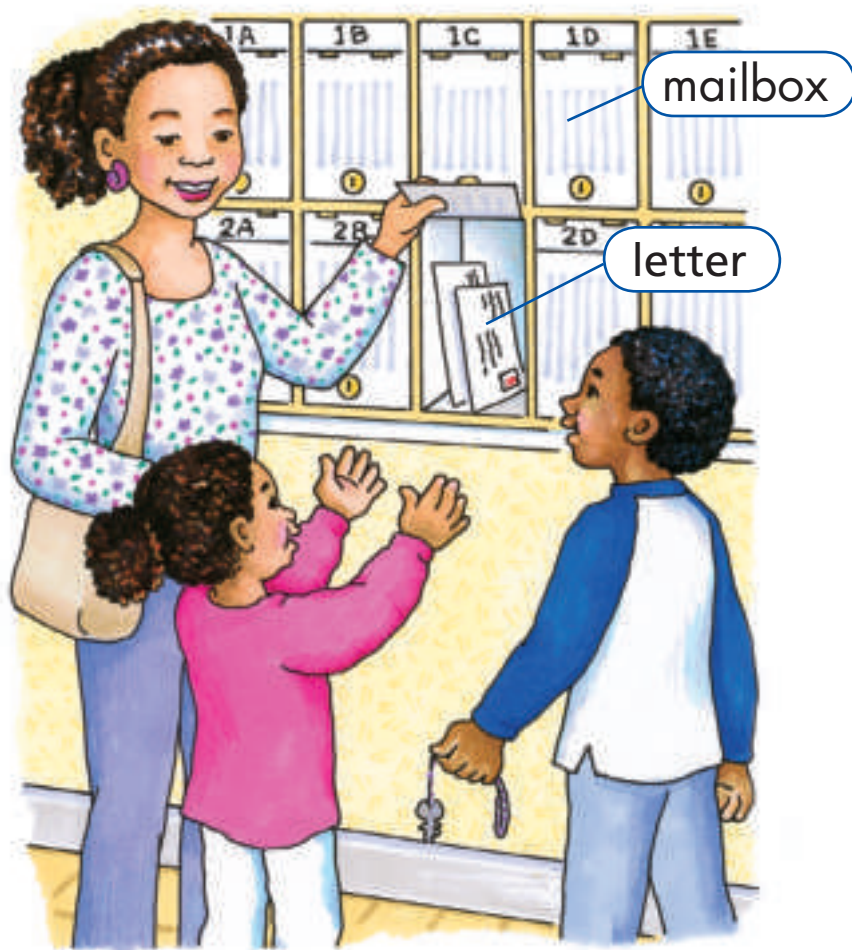
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Think about writing a letter to a friend. First, you get a piece of paper and a pencil. You write the date. You write the name of your friend. Then you write your message. At the end of the message, you sign your name.



Do you ever wonder how the mail gets from one place to another? A mailbox at a person's home may have a letter or a card inside. How did the mail get there?

If you send a letter, how will it go to the right place? Here is your chance to learn about the mail.



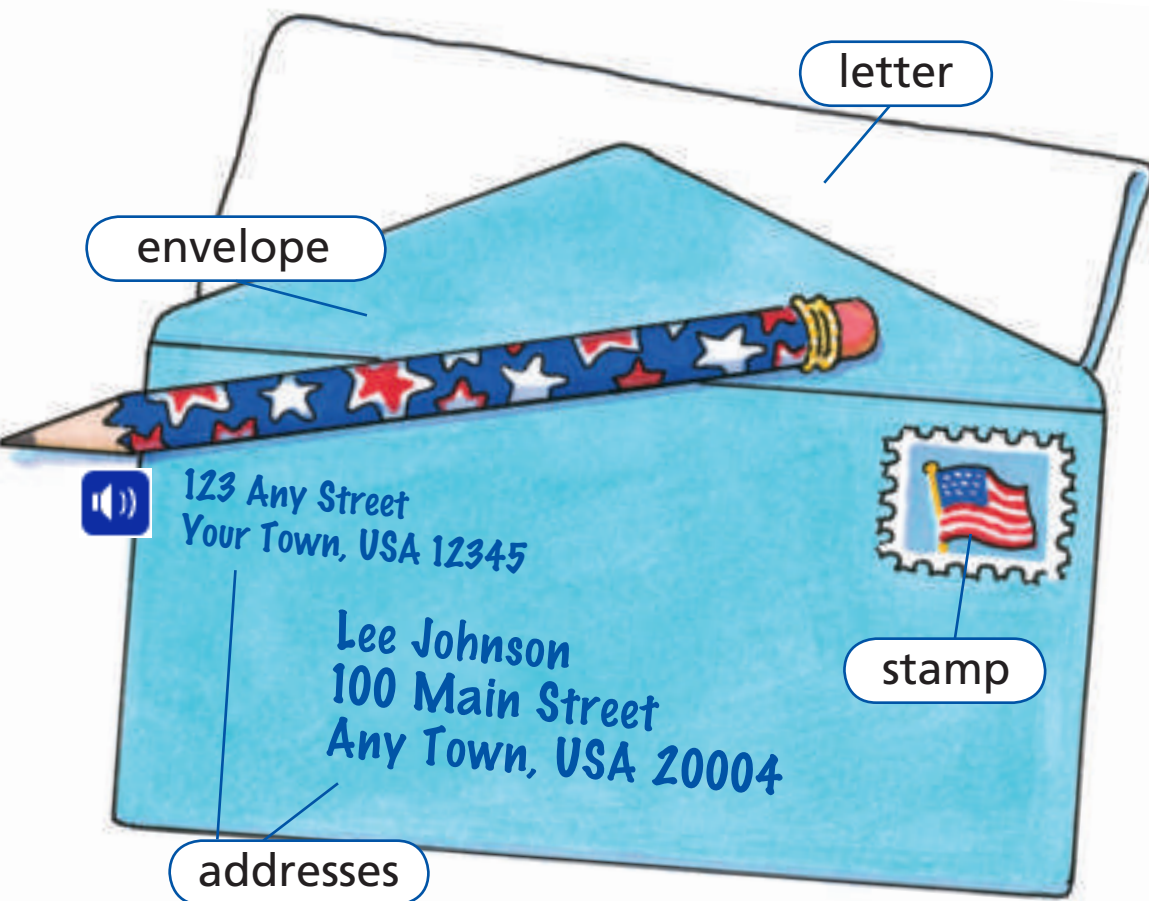
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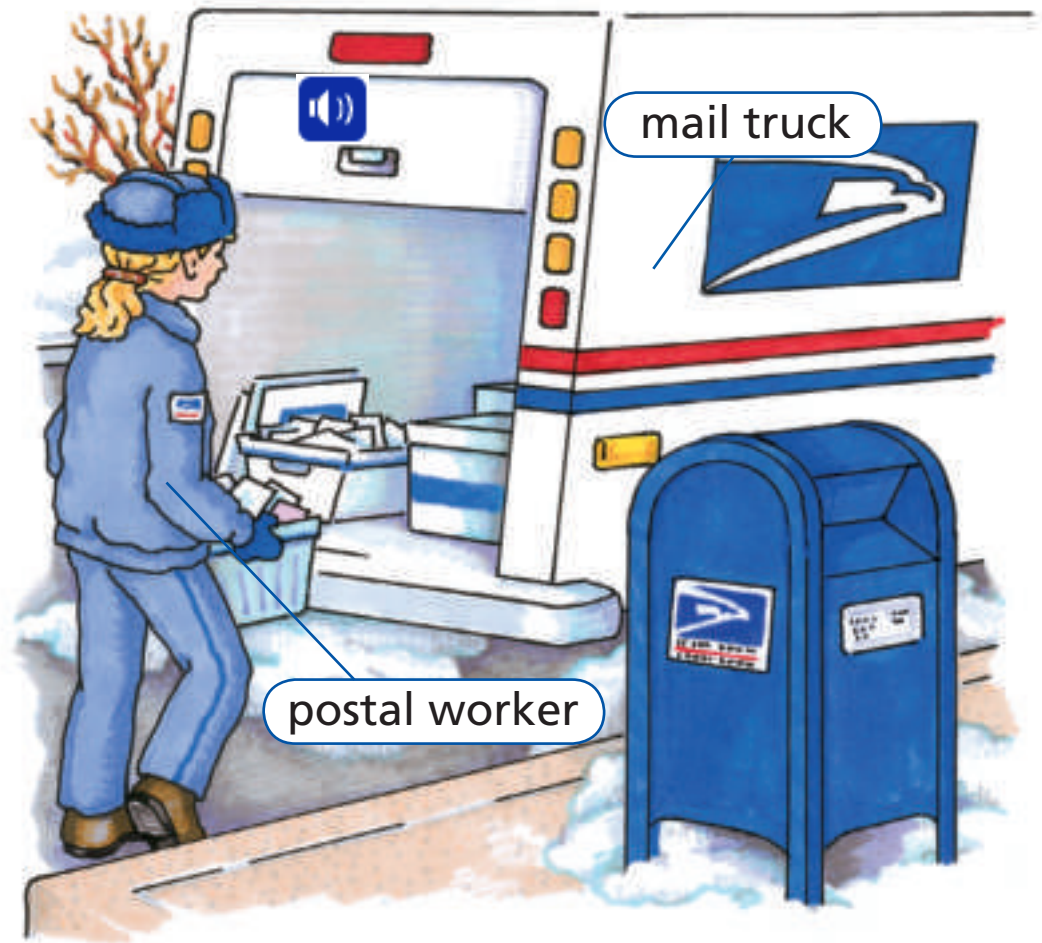
I am learning
about the mail this week.
It is fun! Did you learn
about the mail in your
school? Please answer
my letter soon. Bye!

Your friend,





Next you put your letter in an envelope. You write the name and address of your friend. You also write your name and your address. Then, a very important thing you need to do is to put a stamp on the envelope. Stamps are sold at the post office.



Now, you and an older person in your family put your letter in the mailbox. This is a mail collection box. It collects mail. Let's see what happens to your letter. A postal worker empties the mailbox. She will take the mail to the post office.



Postal workers take the mail to the post office. Inside, postal workers sort the mail. They put the mail in different bins. The mail in one bin will go to one place. The mail in another bin will go to a different place. People even send some mail to other countries.



The mail carrier has mail for people in your town. He goes door to door to put letters, cards, and packages into people's mailboxes. One child may get a birthday card. Another may get an invitation to a party. And very soon you will get a response from your friend!



What kinds of letters do you like?



How a letter gets from one place to another

Write a letter.



Write the address on the envelope.
Put a stamp on it.



Put the letter in a mailbox.



The letter goes to the post office.



Postal workers send the letter
to the right place.



A mail carrier delivers the letter.



Your letter gets to the right person.



Talk About It

1. What can you do to help your letter go to the right person?
2. Tell about mail that you helped send or get. Do you like mail?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, write a short letter to a friend or someone in your family.

Extend Language

The word *letter* sometimes means a note to someone.

The word *letter* sometimes means a part of the alphabet, like A or Z.

In this book, does the word *letter* mean a note that you write to someone or a letter of the alphabet?

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