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Postal Service

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THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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I wonder what will happen to the postal service. When I was young, I used the post office a lot. I went to the post office every week to buy stamps and send letters. I got excited every morning when the postman came. There was usually one letter for me – a real one. At Christmas and around my birthday I would get lots of cards. But today the post office is very different. I can't remember the last time I went. I think the Internet is killing the post office. Most letters and mail sent today is via e-mail. I don't even go to the post office to buy stamps. I get them from the local store. I'm not sure if the post office can survive, especially with competition from courier companies like Federal Express and DHL.



LISTENING GAP FILL

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CORRECT THE SPELLING

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UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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6. _____

STUDENT POSTAL SERVICE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about postal services in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about postal services. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about postal services. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTAL SERVICE POSTER Make a poster about postal services. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY POSTAL SERVICE LESSON: Make your own English lesson on postal services. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on postal services. Share your findings with the class.

