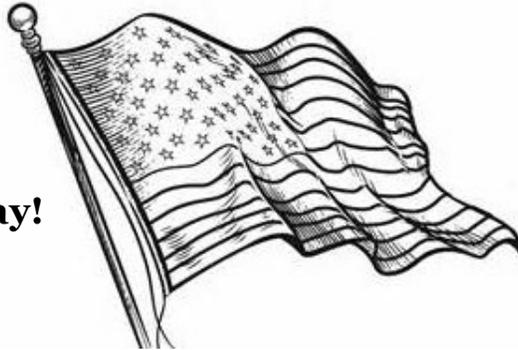




HELP SAVE AMERICA'S POST OFFICES

Write A Letter Today!



Benjamin Franklin And The Post Office

The Post Office is a little bit older than the U.S.A..
The first Postmaster General, under the Continental
Congress in 1775, was Benjamin Franklin.

The Postmaster General is the highest postal worker
in the country and is in charge of the Post Office.

Benjamin Franklin made sure the Post Office
worked in a good way for everyone. He made sure
the post roads were safe to use for the delivery of
letters.

Ever since Benjamin Franklin, there have been
Postmaster Generals in charge of the U.S. Post
Office. Today, we have the first woman Postmaster
General who works in Washington D.C.

The Post Office is 240 years old!

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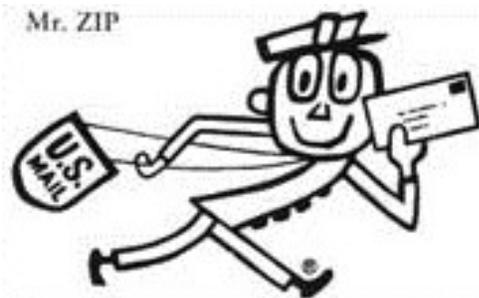


Thanks to the Post Office we have sidewalks to help the post office worker deliver your mail. And because of the Post Office, we have street signs and addresses to make sure your mail is delivered to the correct place.

Did you know the Post Office workers sort and deliver more than 523,000,000 (million) pieces of mail each day? Postal workers drive more than 4,000,000 (million) miles each day to deliver your mail.

**YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS A
VERY SPECIAL NUMBER CALLED**

**ZIP
CODE**



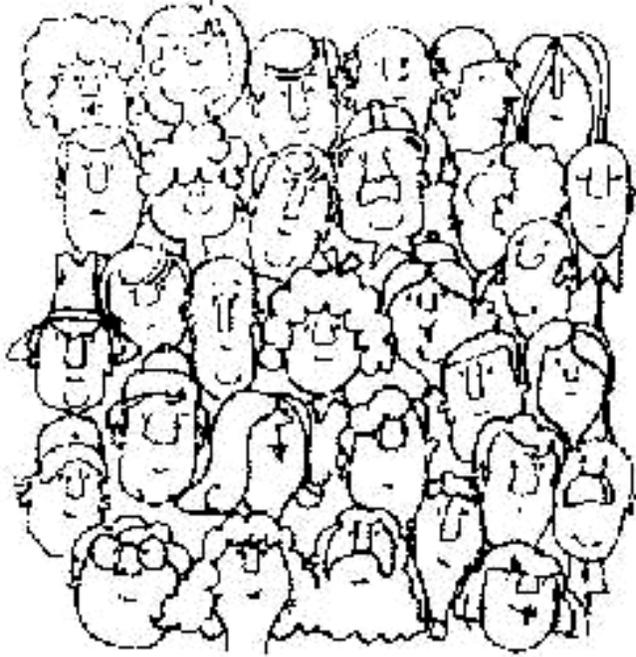
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Zip Code is used by postal workers and by sorting machines to know where to deliver the mail.

The Zip Code is usually 5 numbers. The first number is for the part of the country you live in.

9 is for the west coast. San Jose is in the western part of the United States. The next two numbers locate the postal office processing building. **51 is for the San Jose Postal Processing Plant.** The last two numbers identify your neighborhood post office.

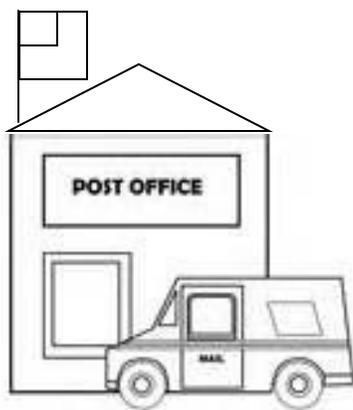
So you see, your address is special to the Post Office.



The Post Office Belongs To The People

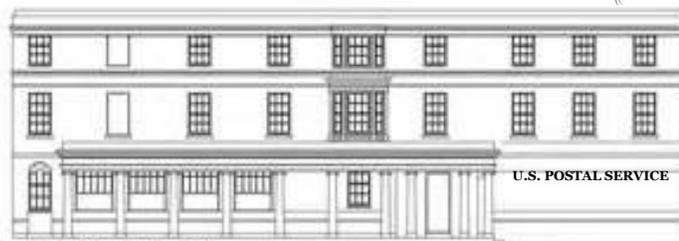
Your neighborhood has a Post Office that gives service to the people who live in the neighborhood.

The Post Office, by law, is to give good quality service to everyone. Everyone in America deserves the best service. Did you know that the U.S. Post Office handles 40% of the entire world's mail? Billions and billions of mail is sorted and delivered by American Postal Workers.



Small post offices in the neighborhood are good places to meet people and also get good mail service.

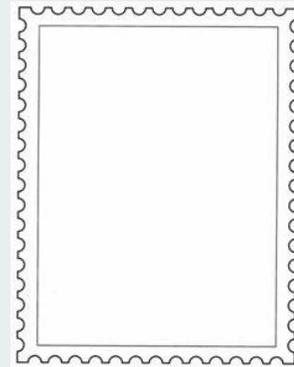
Large post offices, called plants, process millions of pieces of mail every day.



The United States Postal Service belongs to the people of the United States.

Did you know that your parents do NOT pay taxes to help run the Post Office?

The Post Office gets the money they need



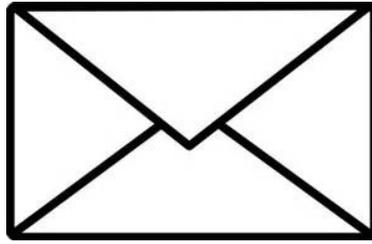
Draw your own stamp

from selling stamps.

Also, the Post Office does not charge any money to deliver the mail to your home.

Mail is paid for by the person who sends you things in the mail like letters or packages.

HOW MAIL IS DELIVERED



When you drop a letter with a stamp in the collection box, the mail is picked up and sent to the large post office for sorting by address and zip code.



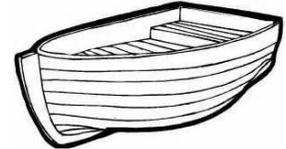
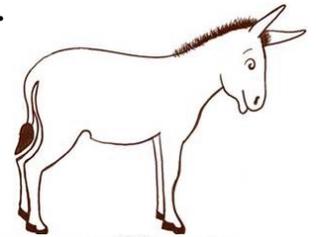
All the mail collected on that day is brought in to the large post office. The stamps are cancelled and both people and machines sort the mail. Millions of pieces of mail are sorted daily.



The sorted mail is then driven to the neighborhood post office in trucks.



Sometimes big trucks, planes, boats and even donkeys are used to deliver mail from post offices to post office.



At your neighborhood Post Office postal workers again sort out mail and make sure the mail is ready for delivery to your home.

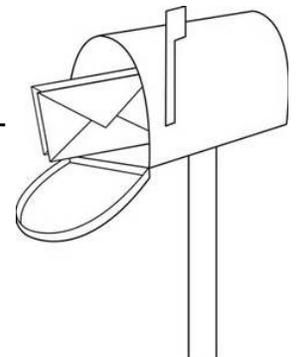


The mail carrier takes the mail sorted to your neighborhood and delivers your mail into your mailbox.



To make sure your mail is safe, only the U.S. Post Office can deliver mail to your mail box.

Mail delivery should take 1-3 days if not delayed by closures or other changes to service. In your city it should take only 1 day to deliver the mail within the city.



POST OFFICES ARE BEING CLOSED

The Postmaster General is closing Post Offices all over the United States. When a Post Office is closed, the people in the neighborhood have to walk or drive farther to get their mailing done.

When the large post offices that process mail are closed, the sorting and delivery of mail takes longer.

When Post Offices are closed, everyone suffers. Instead of closing post offices, what everyone needs are post offices that are kept open longer and give more service to the neighborhood.



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Your Post Office Is Important To Your Neighborhood

Although we use the internet and smart phones, the delivery of mail to your home is still important.

Packages, medicine and every day mail is still very important to the people. Americans use the Post Office every day. Millions of Americans still depend on the Post Office.

There are some businesses that want to take over the Post Office. But, the Post Office is not for sale. The Post Office belongs to everyone!

There are some people in Washington D.C. who want to change the Post Office and also close many post offices.

The U.S. Congress controls how the Post Office operates.

Everyone should want their neighborhood Post Office to stay open, and to give service to everyone in the neighborhood including your school.





HELP US SAVE YOUR POST OFFICE

Please write a letter to your parent(s) and ask them to support keeping your post office open and to have better service. Let us test the Post Office on how fast your letter is delivered.

Here is a sample letter:

	Your Name
	Your Address
	Your City, State and Zip Code
Your Parent's Name	
Your Parent's Address	
City, State and Zip Code	
Today's Date _____	
Dear Parent,	
Today, postal workers came to my class and talked to us about the Post Office. I am writing this letter to you about the visit and to ask you to help the postal workers save our Post Office.	
Did you know that you do not pay taxes to run the Post Office? Did you know that the Post Office delivers 523 million pieces of mail every day? Many of us still depend on our Post Office!	
The postal workers are asking you to sign and mail the enclosed post card so that they do not close post offices and do not delay the delivery of our mail.	
I also want to thank you for being my parent.	
Love,	
(your name)	

Did you know that despite being afraid of dog bites the Post Office's beloved mascot is a doggie?

Owney was a doggie adopted and loved by Postal Workers long ago.

