

POST / MAIL

PART ONE USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

- 1. I'd like to send these documents by the fastest possible service.
- 2. Can I send it C.O.D?
- 3. I wonder if this package is overweight for the minimum size.
- 4. I enclosed some music DVDs in the package.
- 5. How long does it take for an express delivery to New York/London?
- 6. What does it cost to send it with a courier?
- 7. I always get disappointed when I don't get any mail at Christmas time.
- 8. Does the Post Office deliver mail on a Saturday?
- 9. When was the last time you actually mailed a letter?
- 10. I haven't heard from my classmate for more than a year.
- 11. I feel guilty because I do not write regularly.
- 12. I had to write to my Dad last night. My finances are critically low.
- 13. I will drop the letter in the mailbox on my way home.
- 14. How should I sign off on a business letter? Regards or Sincerely?
- 15. The rate for printed materials is cheaper, but there is no overnight service.

PART TWO MORE USEFUL EXAMPLES

- 1. How much is the insurance for this package?
- 2. What is the postage to send a letter locally?
- 3. Please write as soon as you arrive.
- 4. You can send your documents by mail. It will arrive in time.
- 5. Where would you like to send it?
- 6. I am worried because she has not written back.
- 7. Which counter handles International packages?
- 8. I'd like to send it using your registered mail option.
- 9. What's the surcharge on an over-weight parcel?
- 10. I know that airmail is faster and more expensive than surface mail. It is urgent.
- 11. Be sure to put down the address in the local language too.
- 12. You need to fill out the customs declaration.
- 13. Please write down a contact phone number.
- 14. Can I track the delivery?

PART THREE SITUATIONAL DIALOGUE PRACTICE

Number 1

Read the dialogue below and complete so that Sidney offers a way that Mike can hide the fact that he does not remember which book it is. Use 20 - 30 words for your response.

Being Smart

Sidney: Who are you writing to?
Mike: My aunt. She always sends me a book for my birthday. But I can't remember which book is the last one she sent me, but I still have to thank her anyway.
Sidney: What are you going to do?
Mike: Don't know. I have to come up with something to write.
Sidney: Why don't you ...

Number 2

Read the dialogue below and complete Sam's statement. Use 20 – 30 words for your response.

Sending a Parcel Abroad

Clerk: How may I help you?

Sam: I want to send this package to my family in Canada.

Clerk: Have you filled out the mailing labels including the return address?

Sam: Yes, I have.

Clerk: Do you want to send it by air or surface mail?

Sam: That depends on the cost. How much for airmail?

Clerk: That will depend on the weight and whether you want express or regular service.

Sam: If the difference in cost and delivery are ...