

PRONUNCIATION PRACTICE-practice saying these words that sound similar

ship—sheep fit—feet bit—beat sit—seat knit—neat

rich—reach chip—cheat six—seek hill—he'll filled—field

ill—eel itch—each pitch—peach risen—reason

Look at the vocabulary on page 134 and 135. Fill in the blanks below.

1. Next week is Mother's birthday. I will buy a _____ to send her.
2. We travel often. I always send Mother picture _____ from the countries we visit.
3. Put the letter inside an _____. Write the address on the front.
4. The _____ tells the post office where to deliver your letter.
5. The _____ address is your address.
6. The _____ is the stamp that shows what city or country the letter came from.

Write a sentence that answers these questions.

1. Do you send greeting cards to family and friends on birthdays and holidays? Where do you buy greeting cards?

2. When you travel do you send post cards to family at home? _____

3. Do you ever write letters or do you prefer email?

4. Do you ever send packages to your friends and family in your home country? If not, why not?

5. When someone sends you a letter or greeting card, do you write back?

6. Do you think someone should write a thank you note when when you give them a gift?

Read these conversations and explain in your own words what they say. Then answer the questions at the bottom.

Alan: Could I get a copy of the results from my blood test?

Nurse: Leave a self-addressed envelope with the receptionist. We will mail you the results of the tests when they are in.

Bob: Has the mail come yet?

Beth: Yes. I just went to the mailbox. We got three bills, lots of advertisements and you got a letter from your sister.

Bob: Look at all this junk mail! The mailbox is full of mail that I throw right in the trash. What a waste of paper.

Olivia: How much postage will I need on this big envelope?

Connie: I don't know. The postal worker will weigh it and tell you. I know it will take more than one stamp.

Olivia: I don't have a lot of stamps. I hope it doesn't take too many.

Connie: The postman will weigh it and stamp it for you. So you won't need any stamps.

John: The postman delivered the mail this morning.

Jessica: Did I get the package from Amazon?

John: No, it didn't arrive. When were you supposed to receive it?

Jessica: They said it would be delivered in three to five days.

John: When did you order it?

Jessica: I ordered it on Friday.

John: No mail is delivered on Sunday. You will probably get it tomorrow or Thursday at the latest.

Jan: Grandfather wrote me a sweet note. I will write him back tomorrow.

Kelly: It is good he can still write. My grandfather is too old. His hands shake too much. He cannot write letters.

Jan: My grandfather is old school. He doesn't use email or texting. He writes long letters telling me about the family and things that are happening at home. I love reading them. Plus I can save them and read them again later. My husband even reads my grandfather's letters because they are so full of news.

Answer these questions about the conversations:

1. How can Alan get a copy of his blood test results?
2. How does Bob feel about junk mail?
3. Who received a letter from her sister?
4. When does John think Jessica's package will arrive?
5. Who will Jan write back?
6. Will Olivia's envelope need more than one stamp?
7. Why does Jan like her grandfather's letters? Who else reads them?