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The Mail Carrier

Circle group

Each day, a mail carrier brings letters and boxes to homes and shops. Rain or sun, the mail must get there.

The day starts early at the post office. The mail carrier puts the mail in order. The letters for each street go together. Then the mail goes in a truck or a bag.

The mail carrier stops at each house on the route. Some people get a card from a friend. Some get a box from far away. Some get bills or a new library book.

Mail carriers walk many miles each day. They must know the streets well. They know the people there too. They say hi to all. Lots of people think the mail carrier is a friend.

Questions

1. What does a mail carrier bring?

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2. What does the mail carrier do at the post office?

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3. Name two things people get in the mail.

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4. Why must a mail carrier know the streets well?

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5. Why do people think the mail carrier is a friend?

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Words to know

route: the path someone follows to get to many places
post office: a place where mail is sorted and sent

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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The Mail Carrier

Triangle group

Every day, a mail carrier brings letters and packages to homes and shops. Rain or shine, the mail has to get through.

The day starts early at the post office. The mail carrier puts the mail in order, so the letters for each street are together. Then the mail goes into a truck or a bag.

On the route, the mail carrier stops at each house. Some people get a card from a friend. Some get a box from far away. Some get bills or a new library book.

Mail carriers walk many miles in a day. They need to know the streets well. They also know the neighbors, and they say hello to everyone. Many people think of the mail carrier as a friendly part of the neighborhood.

Questions

1. What does a mail carrier bring to homes and shops?

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2. What does the mail carrier do at the post office before the route begins?

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3. What are two things people might get in the mail?

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4. Why does a mail carrier need to know the streets well?

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5. Why do many people think of the mail carrier as a friendly part of the neighborhood?

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Words to know

route: the path someone follows to get to many places
package: something wrapped up to be sent in the mail
neighbor: a person who lives near you
post office: a place where mail is sorted and sent

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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The Mail Carrier

Square group

Every single day, a mail carrier delivers letters and packages to homes and businesses. Whether it rains or the sun shines, the mail has to get through.

The workday begins early at the post office. First, the mail carrier sorts the mail carefully, so that the letters for each street are grouped together. Afterward, the mail is loaded into a truck or a sturdy bag.

Along the route, the mail carrier stops at every house. Some people receive a card from a friend. Others receive a box that traveled from far away. Still others receive bills or a new library book.

Mail carriers walk many miles each day, so they need to know the streets extremely well. They also become familiar with the neighbors, and they greet everyone they meet. As a result, many people consider the mail carrier a friendly and important part of the neighborhood.

Questions

1. What does a mail carrier deliver, and to what places?

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2. How does the mail carrier prepare the mail at the post office before the route begins?

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3. Name two different things people might receive in the mail.

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4. Why is it important for a mail carrier to know the streets extremely well?

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5. What makes many people consider the mail carrier a friendly part of the neighborhood?

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Words to know

route: the path someone follows to get to many places
package: something wrapped up to be sent in the mail
neighbor: a person who lives near you
post office: a place where mail is sorted and sent

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: The Mail Carrier

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Mail Carrier

Easier · 121 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.7

1. Letters and boxes.
2. Puts the mail in order, so the letters for each street go together.
3. Any two of: a card, a box from far away, bills, a library book.
4. To find each house and bring the mail to the right place.
5. The mail carrier comes each day, knows the people, and says hi to all.

Triangle: The Mail Carrier

This passage · 129 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.3

1. Letters and packages.
2. Puts the mail in order so the letters for each street are together.
3. Any two of: a card, a box from far away, bills, a library book.
4. To find every house and bring the mail to the right place.
5. The mail carrier comes every day, knows the neighbors, and says hello to everyone.

Square: The Mail Carrier

Harder · 147 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.6

1. Letters and packages, to homes and businesses.
2. Sorts it carefully so the letters for each street are grouped together.
3. Any two of: a card from a friend, a box from far away, bills, a library book.
4. To find every house on the route and deliver the mail to the right place.
5. The mail carrier comes every day, becomes familiar with the neighbors, and greets everyone.