



Unit 5 Mail service  
LESSON 4 I pay my phone bills at the post office

LEARNING OBJECTIVE  
In this lesson, you will learn things  
you can do at the post office.



## 1 Warm-up

When was the last time you went to the post office?  
What did you do there?



**Words and phrases you may want to use:**

- send mail
- receive packages
- pay bills
- buy postcards

## 2 New words and expressions

### Matching game

1.



by the way

2.



3.



4.



5.



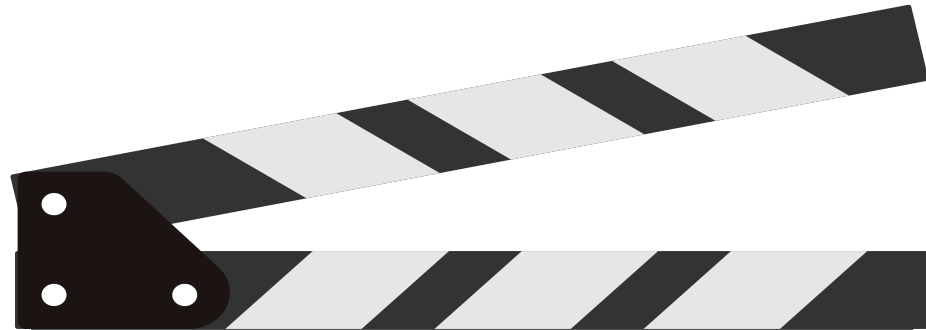
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electricity [ɪˌlekˈtrɪsəti] bill  
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type [taɪp]

**Let's go through the sentences. Pay attention to the words in red.**

- Since I became the manager, I have to pay a lot for my **phone bill**.
- I usually pay my **electricity bill** at the post office.
- This apple cutter is **convenient** for cutting apples.
- By the way**, it's up to you whether to take my suggestion or not.
- Jennifer made so many different **types** of drinks for us at the party.

## 3 Speaking naturally

### 1. Conversation setting



**Who:**  
Bruce and Emma (old friends)

**Where:**  
At the post office

**Talking about:**  
Sending letters and paying  
phone bills



***Let's see what they know about post office services.***

### 3 Speaking naturally

## 2. Conversation and activity

**Bruce:** Hey, Emma. Long time no see! How is everything going?

**Emma:** Great! It is nice to see you again. What are you doing in the post office?

**Bruce:** I came here to send letters. What about you?

**Emma:** Oh, I received my **phone bill** two days ago. I came here to pay it.

**Bruce:** Really? Can we pay bills at the post office?

**Emma:** Yes. I pay my water and **electricity bills** here as well.

**Bruce:** That's quite **convenient**. I'll try that next time.

**Emma:** **By the way**, you can pay some other **types** of bills here as well, such as the gas bill.

**Bruce:** That's great. Thanks for telling me.

**Emma:** You're welcome.

## Why did Bruce and Emma come to the post office?



Bruce

Bruce came to the post office to ...



Emma

Emma came to the post office to ...

## 3 Speaking naturally

### 3. Conversation and comprehension

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#### Answer the questions:

1. When did Emma receive her phone bill?

*She received ...*

2. What convenient thing did Emma tell Bruce?

*She told him that ...*

## 3 Speaking naturally

### 4. Practice

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## 4 Task

### Speak out

**Teacher**

Hi, ... (student's name) What do people usually do at the post office in China?

Well, people usually ...

**You**

**Teacher**

...

...

**You**

**Teacher**

...

...

**You**

### Word tips

- send letters
- buy postcards
- pay the phone/electricity/gas bill
- convenient/inconvenient
- every week/once in a while/seldom



## 5 Summary

What did you learn in this lesson?

Words and phrases:

Sentences:

***Let's check the next page!***

## 5 Summary

You have learned the following vocabulary and sentence patterns to talk about things you can do at the post office.

### Words and phrases:



convenient



type



phone bill



electricity bill



by the way

### Sentence patterns:

I came (to) ...(place) to ...

(Make a sentence)

You can pay ... here.

(Make a sentence)

