

Classic English V3.0 Level 4



Unit 5 Mail service
LESSON 1 The post office opens at nine

LEARNING OBJECTIVE
In this lesson, you will learn how to ask questions about the opening hours of the post office.

1 Warm-up

When does the post office open in your city?
When does it close?



Words and phrases you may want to use:

- ... a.m./in the morning
- half past
- I have no idea.

2 New words and expressions

Matching game

1.



envelope

2.



3.



4.



5.



opening ['əʊp(ə)nɪŋ] time

geography class

[dʒi:'ɒɡrəfi]

mailbox ['meɪl,bɒks]

envelope ['envələʊp]

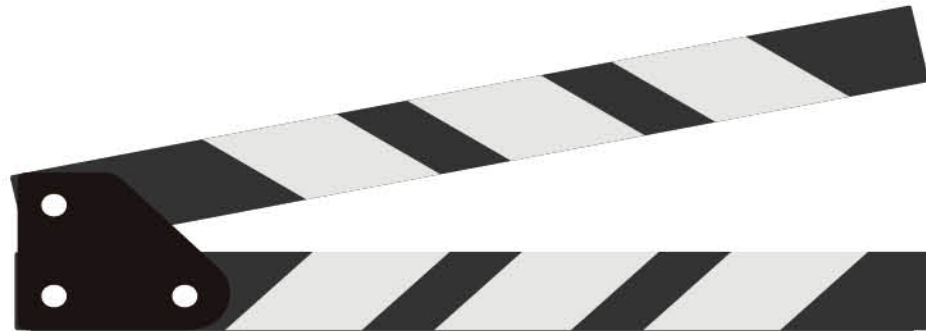
put a stamp [stæmp] on

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

- The **opening time** of the bank on Sunday is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The kids are having a **geography class** with Miss Lee now.
- There is a red **mailbox** outside my building.
- I need to write the address down on the **envelope**.
- Tracy **put a stamp on** the card to her grandpa and dropped it into the mailbox.

3 Speaking naturally

1. Conversation setting



Who:
Chris (an overseas student) and
James (Chris' classmate)

Where:
On campus

Talking about:
Sending a letter



Let's see how Chris will send his letter.

3 Speaking naturally

2. Conversation and activity

Chris: James, do you know when the post office opens and closes?

James: It opens at nine in the morning and closes at five in the afternoon.

Chris: I see. The **opening time** is a bit different from that in my country.

James: Why do you ask?

Chris: I need to send an important letter as soon as possible, but I don't want to miss my **geography class** at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

James: Why don't you just **put a stamp on** the **envelope** and leave it in a **mailbox** now? The mailman collects the mail twice a day, at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Chris: Good idea. But I never noticed any mailboxes at school. Have you seen one?

James: I remember there is a mailbox at the school gate.

Chris: That's great! I'll go and send the letter right now. Thank you, James.

James: Not at all.

Practice the key sentences:

	<p>— Do you know when ... opens/closes?</p> <p>— It opens/closes at ...</p>
	<p>— Do you know when ... opens/closes?</p> <p>— It opens/closes at ...</p>
...	<p>— Do you know when ... opens/closes?</p> <p>— It ...</p>

3 Speaking naturally

3. Conversation and comprehension

Chris: James, do you know when the post office opens and closes?

James: It opens at nine in the morning and closes at five in the afternoon.

Chris: I see. The **opening time** is a bit different from that in my country.

James: Why do you ask?

Chris: I need to send an important letter as soon as possible, but I don't want to miss my **geography class** at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

James: Why don't you just **put a stamp on** the **envelope** and leave it in a **mailbox** now? The mailman collects the mail twice a day, at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Chris: Good idea. But I never noticed any mailboxes at school. Have you seen one?

James: I remember there is a mailbox at the school gate.

Chris: That's great! I'll go and send the letter right now. Thank you, James.

James: Not at all.

Answer the questions:

1. What suggestion does James give Chris?
The suggestion is ...
2. How often does the mailman collect the mail from a mailbox?
The mailman collects ...

3 Speaking naturally

4. Practice

Chris: James, do you know when the post office opens and closes?

James: It opens at nine in the morning and closes at five in the afternoon.

Chris: I see. The _____ is a bit different from that in my country.

James: Why do you ask?

Chris: I need to send an important letter as soon as possible, but I don't want to miss my geography class at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

James: Why don't you just _____ the envelope and leave it in a _____ now? The mailman collects the mail twice a day, at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Chris: Good idea. But I never noticed any mailboxes at school. Have you seen one?

James: I remember there is a mailbox at the school gate.

Chris: That's great! I'll go and send the letter right now. Thank you, James.

James: Not at all.



4 Task

Speak out

Teacher

Hi, ... (student's name) Can you tell me something about sending a letter in China? Does the post office open on weekends?

OK ...

You

Teacher

...

...

You

Teacher

...

...

You

Word tips

- opening time/closing time
- stamp
- envelope
- leave in the mailbox
- twice a day

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 ask questions about the opening hours of the post office.

Words and phrases:



envelope



mailbox



opening time



geography class



put a stamp on

Sentence patterns:

Do you know when ... opens/closes?

(Make a sentence)

The mailman collects the mail twice a day, at ... and ...

(Make a sentence)

