

# POST OFFICE



**51Talk**  
无忧英语

## Unit 5 Mail service LESSON 2 I want to buy some postcards

LEARNING OBJECTIVE  
In this lesson, you will learn how  
to buy some postcards.

## 1 Warm-up

Have you bought postcards before? Where did you buy them?



Words and phrases you may want to use:

- post offices
- book stores
- gift shops



## 2 New words and expressions

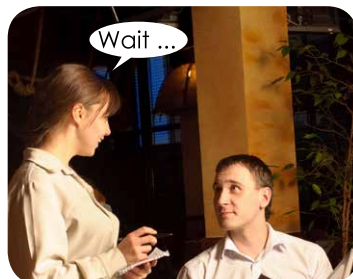
### Matching game

1.



in total

2.



3.



4.



5.



postcard ['pəʊs(t), kɑ:(r)d]

wait a moment ['məʊmənt]

fifty-cent [sent] stamp

midsize ['mɪd, saɪz]

in total ['təʊt(ə)l]

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

a. Don't forget to send us a **postcard** when you are in Rome.

b. **Wait a moment**. I'll write it down.

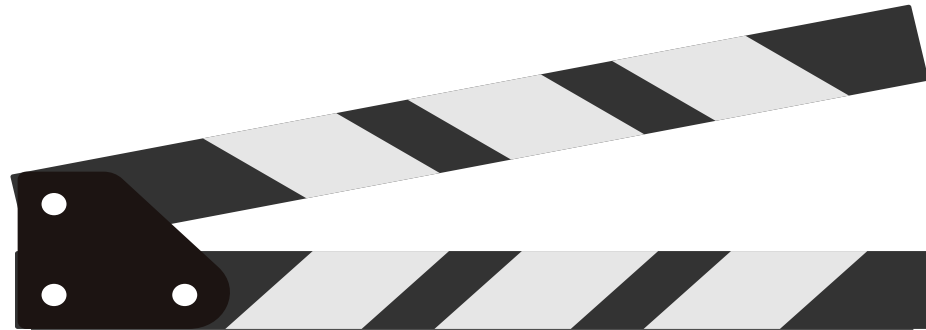
c. I'd like to buy a **fifty-cent stamp**.

d. Jane would prefer the **midsize** suitcase.

e. My mom spent 165.48 dollars **in total** at the supermarket.

## 3 Speaking naturally

### 1. Conversation setting



**Who:**  
Chris (a customer) and Joanna (a clerk from a post office)

**Where:**  
At a post office

**Talking about:**  
Choosing postcards and buying stamps



***Let's see what Chris wants to buy at a post office.***

## 3 Speaking naturally

### 2. Conversation and activity

**Joanna:** Good morning. What can I do for you?

**Chris:** Good morning. I want to buy some **postcards** to send to my family.

Do you have any suggestions?

**Joanna:** What do you think of these? These are especially made for family members.

**Chris:** Thanks for your help, but this one is too dark. I want something more colorful for my wife and daughter.

**Joanna:** OK. **Wait a moment**, please. How about these?

**Chris:** They look nice. How much does each cost?

**Joanna:** One dollar for each.




**Chris:** May I have these two?

**Joanna:** Sure. Here you are. Is there anything else?

**Chris:** Yes. I want to send a letter, too, so I need a **fifty-cent stamp** and a **midsize envelope**, please.

**Joanna:** No problem. That's three dollars **in total**.

### Things that Chris bought at the post office:

	Item	Price
	Two postcards	\$ <u>2</u>
	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____

## 3 Speaking naturally

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#### Answer the questions:

1. Who did Chris buy those postcards for?

*He bought those ...*

2. How much money did Chris spend at the post office?

*That's ...*

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### 4. Practice

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## 4 Task

### Speak out

**Teacher**

Hi, ... (student's name) When do you buy postcards?

I usually buy postcards when ... **You**

**Teacher**

...

...

**You**

**Teacher**

...

...

**You**

### Word tips

- go traveling
- family/friends/co-workers
- colorful
- fifty-cent stamp



## 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 buying some postcards.

### Words and phrases:



postcard



midsize



wait a moment



fifty-cent stamp



in total

### Sentence patterns:

These are/It is especially made for ...

(Make a sentence)

I want to ..., so I need ...

(Make a sentence)

