

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the internet.

1. Read *Dear Postman* and enjoy it together

- Use the *Reading Strategies* to help with new and tricky words.

2. Look at sentence punctuation

- Study the letter using *Looking at Sentences*. Focus on sentence endings. Use *Punctuation* to explore why they are there.
- Write a sentence of your own that uses a question mark. Repeat for a sentence with an exclamation mark.

3. Write two short letters

- Using the *Letter Template*, write a letter asking the postman to bring you something a bit strange!
- Write a letter back from the postman, explaining that he couldn't get it, but that he has got you something else instead.

Now try these Fun-Time Extras

- On *Please, Mr Postman* draw and label further animals and the things you think *they* would have asked for.
- Write a letter to your postman or woman thanking them for all their hard work delivering your family's letters and parcels.
- Would you like to be a postman or woman? Give your answers on *Being a Postman or Postwoman*

Reading Strategies

When you come across a word you don't know, use these strategies to help you read it!

<u>Sound out</u> the word <i>This is the first strategy to use!</i>	
Break words into <u>syllables</u> e.g. <i>cat-er-piller</i>	Look for <u>smaller words</u> within words e.g. <i>c-at</i>
<u>Skip</u> the word and read the rest of the sentence to try and work out what it says	Did the sentence you read <u>make sense</u> ?
Use the <u>pictures</u>	<u>Remember</u> the text

Punctuation

Full stop	.	We always put a full stop at the end of a normal sentence.	Sam wrote a letter.
Comma	,	We use commas to put a little pause in a sentence and to put a gap between things that are in a list	Sam, feeling excited, waited for the postman. Sam used a pen, two pencils, a rubber and a crayon.
Question mark	?	We put a question mark at the end of a question instead of a full stop.	Are you OK?
Exclamation mark	!	We use an exclamation mark to show something is written with emphasis or extra strength.	That's amazing! Come over here, Sam!

Looking at Sentences

1. Look at sentence punctuation

- In the first letter, point out these:
 - full stop,
 - comma,
 - question mark
 - exclamation mark.
- Use *Punctuation* above ↑ to explore why they are there.
- Find further examples of these punctuation marks in the letters.
- Practise forming them on scrap paper.
- Write a sentence of your own that uses a question mark.
- Repeat for a sentence with an exclamation mark.

2. Write two short letters

Using the *Letter Template* below, write a letter asking the postman to bring you something a bit strange!

- Try to use a comma, a question mark and an exclamation mark as well as full stops in your letter.
- Write a letter back from the postman explaining he couldn't get it but he has got you something else instead.





Please, Mr Postman!

Animal	What might they have asked for?
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