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Level 4 – 20th February 2023

Letter posted in 1916 delivered 107 years late

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many moons ago, sending messages took a long time. Today, with the Internet, we can instantly send them worldwide by email. A message that arrived earlier this week was not so instant. It was mailed in England in 1916. It got lost in the post and was finally delivered 107 years later to a house in London. A postal worker said it was "uncertain what happened," but was happy it finally arrived. She said it may have fallen behind a piece of furniture.

People used to write letters on paper. They sent them in envelopes, with a stamp on it they bought from a post office. They then mailed it in a post box. A postal worker collected the envelope and it began its journey. It took a few days to arrive if the address was in the same country. If the address was overseas, it went by ship and took weeks. However, there was a slight problem with the 107-year-late letter. The person to whom it was addressed died in 1951.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/feb/16/letter-lost-in-1916-delivered-in-london-more-than-100-years-later>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-64647166>
<https://www.the-sun.com/news/7419345/letter-posted-during-wwi-delivered/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Many moons | a. furniture |
| 2. we can instantly | b. 107 years later |
| 3. A message that arrived | c. fallen behind |
| 4. It got lost in | d. was uncertain |
| 5. finally delivered | e. earlier this week |
| 6. A postal worker said it | f. ago |
| 7. She said it may have | g. the post |
| 8. a piece of | h. send them worldwide |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. They sent them in | a. took weeks |
| 2. A postal worker | b. days to arrive |
| 3. It took a | c. whom it was addressed |
| 4. It took a few | d. envelopes |
| 5. If the address was | e. few days to arrive |
| 6. it went by ship and | f. problem |
| 7. there was a slight | g. overseas |
| 8. The person to | h. collected the envelope |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____, sending messages took a long time. Today, with the Internet, we (2) _____ them worldwide by email. A message that (3) _____ week was not so instant. It was mailed in England in 1916. It (4) _____ the post and was finally delivered 107 years (5) _____ house in London. A postal worker said it was "uncertain what happened," but was happy it finally arrived. She said it may have (6) _____ piece of furniture.

People used to write letters on paper. They sent (7) _____, with a stamp on it they (8) _____ post office. They then mailed it in a post box. A postal (9) _____ envelope and it began its journey. It took a few (10) _____ if the address was in the same country. If the address was overseas, it went by ship and took weeks. However, there was (11) _____ with the 107-year-late letter. The person (12) _____ was addressed died in 1951.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Manymoosago,sendingmessagestookalongtime.Today,withtheInternet,wecaninstantlysendthemworldwidebyemail.Amessagethatarrivedearlierthisweekwasnotsoinstant.ItwasmailedinEnglandin1916.Itgotlostinthepostandwasfinallydelivered107yearslatertoahouseinLondon.Apostalworkersaiditwas"uncertainwhathappened,"butwashappyitfinallyarrived.Shesaiditmayhavefallenbehindapieceoffurniture.Peopleusedtowritelettersonpaper.Theyenttheminenvelopes,withastamponittheyboughtfromapostoffice.Theythenmaileditinapostbox.Apostalworkercollectedtheenvelopeanditbeganitsjourney.Ittookafewdaystoarriveiftheaddresswasinthesamecountry.Iftheaddresswasoverseas,itwentbyshipandtookweeks.However,therewasaslightproblemwiththe107-year-lateletter.Thepersontowhomitwasaddresseddiedin1951.

WRITING LETTERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about writing letters in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

