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Words you need... 37.1

- **a code** a group of numbers that are used at the start of the telephone numbers in a particular country or area
- **an international call** a telephone call that you make to another country
- **a local call** a telephone call that you make to someone who lives in the same town or area as you
- **a message** a piece of spoken or written information that one person gives or sends to another
- **to post something** (UK)/**to mail something** (US) to send a letter or parcel to someone
- **a reply** an answer that you say or write
- **to reply** to say or write something as an answer
- **a text** a message that you send from one mobile (UK)/ cell (US) phone to another
- **to text (someone)** to send a message to someone's mobile (UK)/cell (US) phone



▸ a card



▸ a birthday card



▸ an envelope

a stamp



an address

▸ a postcard

UK /US

Look at these differences between UK and US English.

UK	US
Amy **wrote to me** last week.	Amy **wrote me** last week.
I'll **email** you with the dates.	I'll **mail** you with the dates.
Did you **post** the parcel?	Did you **mail** the parcel?
I have a new **mobile/mobile phone**.	I have a new **cell phone**.
I'll give you a **ring** later.	I'll give you a **call**.* (= I'll phone you)

* Note that **call** is used in both UK and US English.

Exercise 1

Match the descriptions with words from the 'Words you need' box.

1 You put your letter in this before you mail it. *envelope*
2 You stick one of these on an envelope or parcel before you mail it. _____
3 People send you these paper things on your birthday and you open and read them. _____
4 People often send these to their friends when they are on holiday. _____
5 People send these for many reasons, such as birthdays, special days, or when someone passes an exam. _____
6 This information on an envelope says where the envelope must go. _____

Exercise 2

Match the first part of each sentence (1–8) with the second (a–h).

1 Could you post	a say we arrived safely.
2 I texted my dad to	b from Bill.
3 What's the code	c for Spain?
4 Did you get	d my text?
5 I emailed her but she	e international calls.
6 I don't make many	f the documents to me?
7 Did you mail my	g letter?
8 I have a message for you	h didn't reply.

Pronunciation 37.2

Exercise 3

Which of these words contain the sound /əʊ/? Listen and check.

stamp postcard international ~~code~~ reply envelope local

/əʊ/: *code*

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