

37/Communicating

Words you need...



- ▶ **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

Amy **wrote to me** last week.
I'll **email** you with the dates.
Did you **post** the parcel?
I have a new **mobile/mobile phone**.
I'll give you a **ring** later.

US

Amy **wrote me** last week.
I'll **mail** you with the dates.
Did you **mail** the parcel?
I have a new **cell phone**.
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.

- You put your letter in this before you mail it. envelope
- You stick one of these on an envelope or parcel before you mail it. _____
- People send you these paper things on your birthday and you open and read them. _____
- People often send these to their friends when they are on holiday. _____
- People send these for many reasons, such as birthdays, special days, or when someone passes an exam. _____
- 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).

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| 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



Exercise 3

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

stamp postcard international code reply envelope local

/əʊ/: code