

Mailbox Mix-up

Three misplaced letters. One unfinished carrier note. A short paper puzzle you can run on its own.

Host notes

Print these three pages and the separate one-page sample answers. Keep pages 1 and 3 and the answers. Give players page 2. Pencils only; no scissors, locks, or paid files are needed.

Fold the lower hint panel behind page 3 along the dotted line. Keep page 3 in the host's hands. After checking the envelope addition, show only its upper carrier-note and table panel; let players fill the note without exposing the hints.

Hints are ready from the start

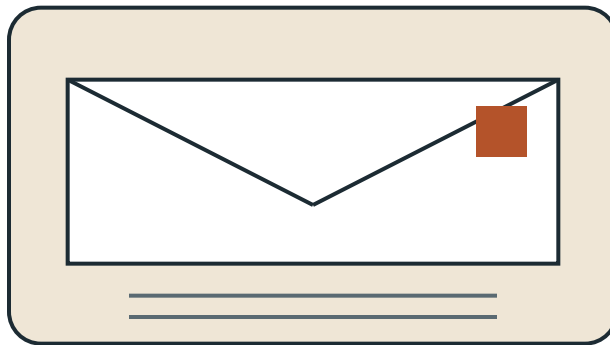
Both hint ladders are available before you check any answer. Read the envelope hints from the hidden panel while players work on page 2. For either step, offer hint 1, wait, then hint 2. Unfold the panel only out of players' view.

Story to read aloud

Three letters went into the wrong box. Add the house numbers on the stamps, then finish the carrier note so the bundle lands in the right place.

Checking

Check the addition and the chosen table row, not just the final word. Ask players to show all three house numbers and how their total selects the row. Compare both results with the private answers. This sample needs no paid materials.

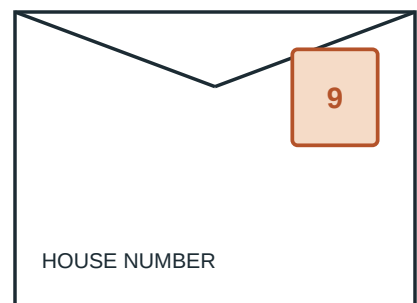
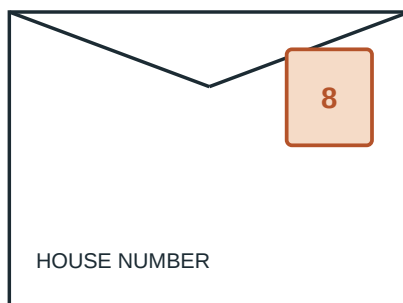
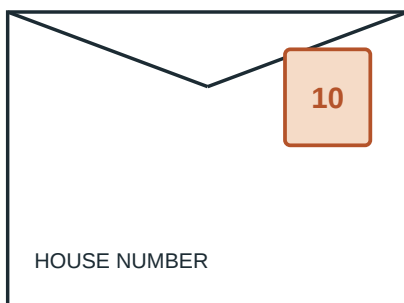


Open the story on page 2. Keep the answer sheet out of sight.

Three letters

Add the house numbers on the three stamped envelopes.

Each envelope shows one house number by the stamp. Write the three numbers, then add them.



Working space

House numbers: _____ + _____ + _____

Envelope total: _____

The carrier note

Fill the blank in the carrier note using the envelope total.

Leave the bundle on the _____.

One word. Use the envelope total with the table below.

Lookup table

These are options, not a filled answer. Find the row whose number matches your envelope total.

Envelope total	Leave the bundle on the
27	porch
15	step
9	gate

The hint ladder

Envelope total

- Hint 1: Each envelope shows one house number by the stamp.
- Hint 2: Add the three numbers only.

Carrier note

- Hint 1: The lookup table sits under the carrier note.
- Hint 2: Use the total from the stamped envelopes.