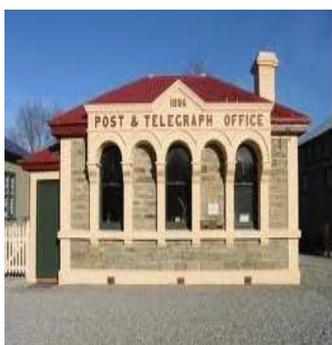


Post Offices



● Dialogue

A. Post offices offer lots of services nowadays, don't they? Years ago, you only really used the post office to send mail, save money, and send or collect money.

B. Nowadays, they offer so many services; you hardly know which one to choose. Take mailing for examples. Do you send something first class or second class or do you use EMS?

A. I save money in a post office saving account. There used to be just one kind of account, but now there are several. They each have different conditions and interest rates.

B. You can buy things at post offices that were never sold there before. You can buy sweets and chocolates, newspapers, birthday and Christmas cards ...

A. Post offices are still the place to go to collect welfare benefits, like unemployment benefit and child support benefit. The queues are very long on the days when people collect those payments.

B. My son likes going to the main post office. They have a philately counter where he can buy stamps for his collection.

A. Do you think that the service at post office has improved?

B. I think it's better for some things, like sending and receiving money, but if you need to post something it sometimes takes longer than it used to.

A. I like being able to buy newspapers and magazine at the post office. It means that I don't need to go to two places.

● Useful Expressions

1. I'd like to send this parcel to Australia.
2. Sending it by airmail will cost twelve dollars.
3. I'd like to send it as a registered parcel.
4. I save money in a post office savings account.
5. The cost depends on how you would like to send it.
6. You should go to the post office to collect this parcel.
7. How can I check if the parcel has arrived?

● Vocabularies

Parcel-

Divide into parts

Example:

"The developers parceled the land"

Letter-

A character of the alphabet used in writing

Example:

"his grandmother taught him his letters"

Send-

Give to a courier to take to another place

Example:

"send me your latest results"

Stamps-

A type or class

Example:

"more men of his stamp are needed"

Airmail-

Send or transport by airmail

Example:

"Letters to Europe from the U.S. are best airmailed"

Counter-

A piece of leather forming the back of a shoe or boot

Example:

"a counter may be used to stiffen the material around the heel and to give support to the foot"