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Episode Intro/Preview

<p>Gizmo Robot</p>	<p>The Missing Student</p> <p>This is a story about writing letters. All of the students at language camp have received letters from their host families! Each of them needs to write a reply and acquire the correct US postage for their letters. Ping will need some help. Can you learn about writing letters and buying stamps? Here are some words and phrases you will need to help Ping.</p> <p>(In English w/ Chinese text under English text)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much is the stamp? • My father's name is _____. • My mother's name is _____. • Post office • Twenty cents • A dollar • The letter is going to Los Angeles. • Here you are. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ family ○ fifty ○ host ○ How much ○ letter ○ Mail ○ money ○ mother ○ Washington, DC <p>Let's begin. Click on "Your Mission".</p>	<p>Episode Intro / Episode Preview</p> <p>Helper is on a screen, giving a brief description of what learners are about to see in English. Chinese translation on screen; all the vocabulary is listed in English with translations. Words highlighted are synced to audio. Movie windows include controls, pause/play and close.</p>
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Set Up Story Script

<p><i>Display title</i> I'm writing a letter</p>		
<p>Intro shot</p> <p><i>Music up</i></p> <p>Breakfast with lots of students at tables. Our four are all at one table and Teacher Wang is standing near them, with an armful of supplies in her arms.</p>		
<p><i>Teacher Wang</i></p>	<p><i>In Chinese</i></p> <p>Okay? Does everyone have the letters from their host family? Oops, I have one more here.</p>	<p>Room shot to medium shot of Wang putting down the supplies and lifting the letter - we see our seated students.</p>

<i>Teacher Wang</i>	<i>In English</i> Ping, this is a letter for you. It is from Los Angeles.	Close up to shot of Wang handing letter to Ping.
<i>Ping</i>	<i>In English</i> Hello. My name is Ella. I live in Los Angeles. Los Angeles is in the West. My father's name is Stan. My mother's name is Maria. Good-bye, Ella.	Close up Ping to close up of the letter.
<i>Teacher Wang</i>	<i>In English</i> <i>Nice job, Ping.</i> <i>In Chinese:</i> Today we will be writing letters back to your host families. We will need to mail them, but the camp post office only takes U.S. currency. You will need to learn the words for this currency in order to mail your letters.	Medium shot of Lin with letter; we see some of our seated students . Medium shot of handful of American currency.
<i>Teacher Wang</i>	<i>In English</i> How much is it? Ten cents Twenty cents Thirty cents Forty cents Fifty cents Sixty cents Seventy cents Eighty cents Ninety cents A dollar!	Shot of Wang placing coins on the table and starts naming them for the students.
<i>Student X</i>	<i>In Chinese:</i> Will you give me some American money to buy stamps for my letter, please?	Wide shot of unknown student surprising Wang
<i>Teacher Wang</i>	<i>In Chinese:</i> Yes, I will be glad to, if you ask me in English.	Medium of Wang and student
<i>Student X</i>	<i>In English:</i> This is my letter. I need a stamp. The address is Washington, D.C. How much is a stamp?	Close up Student X
<i>Teacher Wang</i>	<i>In English:</i> The stamp costs one dollar and 80 cents.	Close up Wang
<i>Student X</i>	<i>In English:</i>	Medium Student

	I need one dollar and 80 cents, please.	
<i>Teacher Wang</i>	In English: Here it is.	Medium Wang
<i>Student X</i>	In English: Thank you.	Medium want and student
<i>Teacher Wang</i>	In English: You're welcome.	
<i>Teacher Wang</i>	In Chinese OK, time to start writing your letter. Come and get your supplies to get started. When you are ready, I will give you some American money to buy your stamps. Then you will each go to the camp post office, buy a stamp, and mail your letter!	Room shot of Wang and her table of students Cut to close up Wang
<i>Ping</i>	In English I need a red notebook and a blue pen, please.	Medium of Ping standing and addressing Wang
<i>Teacher Wang</i>	In English Very nice, Ping. Here they are. Now, let's get started.	Medium of Wang
<i>Music up</i>		Close up of Ping anxiously clutching her supplies

End of Set Up-Robot

Robot Helper	<p>Ping has the supplies she needs to get started, but she will need your help to write her letter and buy her stamp.</p> <p>You should be prepared to coach her. Start by watching the movie, scene by scene, and then reading along with these same scenes. When you are ready to move on, go back to the map by clicking on the Compass.</p>	
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Quizzes

KNOWLEDGE BRIDGE 1	
<p>Questions appear in Chinese, answers in English.</p> <p>Where is Ping's letter from? a. Atlanta b. Atlantic City</p>	<p>User watches the scene from set up story, selects answer, clicks feedback, gets Robot pos/neg response. Clicks next to advance to the next question.</p>

c. Los Angeles	
<p>Whose host family lives in Los Angeles and has a father named Stan?</p> <p>a. Ping</p> <p>b. Ella</p> <p>c. Fei</p>	User watches scene of set up story answers question.
<p>What does the student say to Ms. Wang to learn the price of a stamp?</p> <p>a. How much is a stamp?</p> <p>b. How many is a stamp?</p> <p>c. One dollar and eighty cents.</p>	User watches scene of set up story answers question.
KNOWLEDGE BRIDGE 2	
<p>Question 1</p> <p>User sees an image of Ping and Ms. Wang having a dialogue. There is an empty text bubble above Ping's head.</p> <p>Ping wants to know the cost of the stamp. What should she say?</p> <p>a. How much is the stamp?</p> <p>b. How many is it?</p> <p>c. Where the stamp?</p>	User selects answer then clicks submit to see if they were right.
<p>Question 2</p> <p>User sees another image of Lu and storekeeper having a dialogue. Text bubble above storekeeper's head says, "What is the address?"</p> <p>How should Lu respond to the question, "What is the address?"</p> <p>a. Los Angeles</p> <p>b. Beijing</p> <p>c. Washington D.C.</p>	User selects answer then clicks submit to see if they were right.
<p>Question 3</p> <p>User sees an image of Ping and Lu having a dialogue. There is an empty text bubble above Ping's head.</p> <p>Ping wants to introduce her family in English. What should she say?</p> <p>a. My father's name is Wen.</p> <p>b. My friend's name is Lu.</p> <p>c. My teacher's name is Ms. Wang.</p>	User selects answer then clicks submit to see if they were right.

<p>Question 4 User sees an image of Lu and post office clerk having a dialogue. There is an empty text bubble above Lu's head.</p> <p>The post office clerk has given Lu his stamp and asked for the money. What should Lu say?</p> <p>a. Here you are. b. I want a stamp. c. How much is it?</p>	<p>User selects answer then clicks submit to see if they were right.</p>
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Reading Machine Text

<p>READ SECTION</p>		
<p>Narrator</p>	<p>Ping is writing a letter. My letter is from my friend. Her name is Ella. She is in Los Angeles. Los Angeles is in the west. Here is my answer.</p> <p>Dear Ella,</p> <p>My name is Ping. I am from Beijing. Beijing is in the north. My mother's name is Xiu. My father's name is Wen. I am going to Los Angeles. Is Los Angeles nice?</p> <p>My friend's name is Lu. Lu is from the south. Lu is going to Washington, D.C. Is Washington, D.C. nice?</p> <p>See you soon, Ping</p> <p>The letter is going to Los Angeles. I need a stamp. I am going to the post office.</p>	<p>Audio sync to highlight. suser explores meaning with dictionary.</p>
<p>LINKS SECTION</p>		
	<p>My letter is from my friend. Her name is Ella. She is in Los Angeles. Los Angeles is in the west. Here is my answer.</p> <p>Dear Ella,</p> <p>My name is Ping. I am from Beijing. Beijing is in the north. My mother's name is Xiu. My father's name is Wen. I am going to Los Angeles. Is Los Angeles nice?</p> <p>My friend's name is Lu. Lu is from the south. Lu is going to Washington, D.C. Is Washington, D.C. nice?</p>	<p>blue = grammar green = culture orange = images</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">See you soon, Ping</p> <p>The letter is going to Los Angeles. I need a stamp. I am going to the post office.</p>	
GRAMMAR LINKS		
My friend's name, my mother's name,	<p>Possessives: In English, an apostrophe followed by an "s" indicates possession. Here, the apostrophe indicates that the friend of Ping owns her own name: "my friend's name." If Ping had a bag of pears, for example, the pears would be Ping's pears. Note: There is a single exception to this rule: the word "it" does not require an apostrophe to indicate possession. The word "it's" is simply a contraction of "it is."</p>	
The letter is going	<p>"Is going" is the present continuous third person singular. Continuous here means presently en route, or "on its way." Ping's letter "is on its way" to Los Angeles. Additionally, the plural of "is going" is "are going," as in "Ping's letter and Ping's stamp are going to Los Angeles."</p>	
here	<p>In this sentence, "here" is demonstrative. "Here" means, essentially, the thing/idea in this specific place.</p>	
CULTURE LINKS		
Los Angeles	<p>Los Angeles, or L.A., is the largest city on the west coast of the United States. Los Angeles is Spanish for "The Angels," and the city is often referred to as "The City of Angels." It is famous for Hollywood movies (and Hollywood movie stars!) and year-round sunny beaches. Los Angeles is among the most ethnically diverse cities on the planet, making it a hotspot for travelers the world round.</p>	
Father, mother	<p>Some other names for "Father" are: Dad; Daddy (common with young children); Pop; Papa, and Pa (common in the Midwest).</p> <p>Some other names for "Mother" are: Mom; Mommy (common with young children); Ma (common in the Midwest); and Mama (very common in the South).</p>	
Letter	<p>Although email has taken over from letter writing as the most common form of written communication, the U.S. Postal Service still delivers millions of letters a day, six days a week, rain or shine, sleet or snow. Addressing a letter in the U.S. is the opposite of China. In the U.S., the mail recipient's name is first, then the company name, street address, city, state, zip code, and country.</p>	

	American continental states are sometimes referred to in terms of regions; Northeast, Southwest, New England, Midwest, South, West Coast, etc.	
See you soon	Other common letter closings are: Sincerely (appropriate for business correspondence); Yours Truly; Love Always; and Kind Regards.	
Dear	Other common salutations: Dear Sir (common) or Dear Madam (less common) are typically used in business correspondence. For other types of correspondence, you might see; Dear (Mr./Mrs./Ms. and family name); Dear (first name, used with friends or family); Hello; Greetings; and To Whom It May Concern (when the personal identity of the recipient is unknown, as with a letter to a large company).	

IMAGES

LA Letter Washington DC Post office Stamp west	Photos	
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FALLOUT SECTION

stamp letter	<p>Ping is writing a letter. My letter is from my friend. Her name is Ella. She is in Los Angeles. Los Angeles is in the west. Here is my answer.</p> <p>Dear Ella,</p> <p>My name is Ping. I am from Beijing. Beijing is in the north. My mother's name is Xiu. My father's name is Wen. I am going to Los Angeles. Is Los Angeles nice?</p> <p>My friend's name is Lu. Lu is from the south. Lu is going to Washington, D.C. Is Washington, D.C. nice?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See you soon, Ping</p> <p>The ___ is going to Los Angeles. I need a _____. I am going to the post office.</p>	
here father's south	My letter is from my friend. Her name is Ella. She is in Los Angeles. Los Angeles is in the west. _____ is my answer.	

<p>need</p>	<p>Dear Ella,</p> <p>My name is Ping. I am from Beijing. Beijing is in the north. My mother's name is Xiu. My _____ name is Wen. I am going to Los Angeles. Is Los Angeles nice?</p> <p>My friend's name is Lu. Lu is from the _____. Lu is going to Washington, D.C. Is Washington, D.C. nice?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See you soon, Ping</p> <p>The letter is going to Los Angeles. I _____ a stamp. I am going to the post office.</p>	
<p>is are She he is from post office soon south</p>	<p>Ping is writing a letter. My letter is from my friend. Her name is Ella. ____ is in Los Angeles. Los Angeles is in the west. Here __ my answer.</p> <p>Dear Ella,</p> <p>My name is Ping. I am from Beijing. Beijing is in the north. My mother's name is Xiu. My father's name is Wen. I am going to Los Angeles. Is Los Angeles nice?</p> <p>My friend's name is Lu. Lu _____ the _____. Lu is going to Washington, D.C. Is Washington, D.C. nice?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See you _____, Ping</p> <p>The letter is going to Los Angeles. I need a stamp. I am going to the _____.</p>	
<p>RECORD SECTION</p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter 2. Her 3. is from 4. Mother 5. Father 6. Stamp 7. Soon 8. Los Angeles 9. Dear 10. Washington D.C. 	<p>Ping is writing a letter. My letter is from my friend. Her name is Ella. She is in Los Angeles. Los Angeles is in the west. Here is my answer.</p> <p>Dear Ella,</p> <p>My name is Ping. I am from Beijing. Beijing is in the north. My mother's name is Xiu. My father's name is Wen. I am going to Los Angeles. Is Los Angeles nice?</p> <p>My friend's name is Lu. Lu is from the south. Lu is going to Washington, D.C. Is Washington, D.C. nice?</p>	

	See you soon, Ping	
The letter is going to Los Angeles. I need a stamp. I am going to the post office.		

COACHING 1 & 2

BE THE COACH 1		
Ping is at a table. Teacher Lin approaches her. Robot appears on screen.		
Teacher Lin	Hello Ping. Where is the letter going?	
Gizmo	Ping needs some help to answer Mr. Lin. Choose the best answer to the question. (Answers are in English) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I am from Beijing. ▪ Where is the letter going? ▪ The letter is going to Los Angeles. 	User watches the intro movie. Helps carry the story mission along through the episode. User answers question. If correct, advance to next scene. If incorrect 1 st time, gets a "try again" If incorrect 2 nd time, program auto answers the question sending the user back to practice. User will not advance on the map.
Closing Scene		
Teacher Lin	Hello Ping. Where is the letter going?	Ping smiles at the user then turns to Teacher Lin and says,
Ping	The letter is going to Los Angeles.	
Teacher Lin	Good job, Ping. That is correct.	
Ping	Thank you for your help.	
BE THE COACH 2		
Scene opens with Ping in front of the counter at the camp post office. Medium shot both characters. After they finish the conversation, Ping turns to the camera and says thank you.		
Post Office person	Hello. What do you need?	User listens to the scene then responds to Gizmo's question.
Gizmo	Time to be the coach! Ping needs a stamp to the United States. What should she say? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I need a friend. ▪ I want a letter. ▪ I need a stamp to the United States. 	
Ending – Play when user answers correct.		

Post Office person	Hello. What do you need?	
Ping	I need a stamp to the United States.	
Post Office person	Here it is.	
Ping	Thank you.	
Post Office person	You're welcome.	Ping turns and nods to the camera. Exit back to the map.

Featured Cultural Content

<p>Post Office</p>	<p>The United States Postal Service® provides universal mail access and services in America. It provides the same high level of service for every American, to every residence and business address regardless of geographic location since 1775. Today, the Postal Service delivers hundreds of millions of messages each day to more than 141 million homes and businesses.</p> <p>The Postmaster General is a member of the President’s Cabinet and is approved by the Congress. Two Postmasters became U.S. Presidents later in their careers — Abraham Lincoln and Harry Truman. The color of U.S. Postal Service’s logo is blue and white with a picture of the American bald eagle. Mail service is offered every day except on Sundays and federal holidays.</p> <p>As the world has grown and moving faster as technology has developed, the American public continues to rely on the Postal Service to deliver more than 200 million pieces of mail each year. They also have the options to use other mail carriers such as United Parcel Service, Federal Express and Airborne Express that are privately owned.</p>	
<p>U.S. Currency</p>	<p>In US currency or money, people typically use four common coins and six common bills or paper currency. The four coins are the penny, nickel, dime and quarter. The six common bills are the one, five, ten, twenty, fifty and the hundred. Each of these coins and bills features a great American, usually a former president. The values increase in increments of 5 or 10. Coins are used when exchanging cents and paper bills are used when exchanging dollars.</p> <p>The Penny is worth 1 cent, (.01¢). It features the image of Abraham Lincoln and is the only coin that is not silver in color, but copper instead. The nickel is worth 5 cents (.05¢) and features the image of Thomas Jefferson on the front. The dime, the smallest coin, is worth 10 cents (.10¢). The dime has the image of Dwight D. Eisenhower on it. The quarter is the largest of the commonly used coins and features the first president of the United States, George Washington. There are other US coins, not so commonly used, like the Susan B. Anthony dollar and the John F. Kennedy half-dollar, sometimes called a 50 cent piece.</p> <p>Paper money comes in slightly different increments. The one-dollar bill (\$1) is worth 100¢ or a hundred pennies. The dollar features a portrait of George Washington. Single dollar bills are used so often in our daily lives the have a lifespan of only 18 months, on average. The US treasury estimates that there are about a billion one-dollar bills in circulation. The five-dollar bill (\$5) features Abraham Lincoln and the ten-dollar bill (\$10) carries a portrait of Alexander Hamilton. Andrew Jackson is on the twenty-dollar bill (\$20), Ulysses S. Grant is on the fifty-dollar bill (\$50) and Benjamin Franklin is found on the hundred-dollar bill (\$100). Contrary to popular belief, the US Treasury Department still circulates the two-dollar bill (\$2) as well. It bears the image of Thomas Jefferson, though it is very rare to see one.</p>	

KARAOKE		
I Need a Stamp		
Narrator	<p>Here is a letter. I need a stamp To send it to Los Angeles From language camp.</p> <p>How much is it? Ten cents, Twenty cents, Thirty cents, More Forty cents, Fifty cents, Sixty cents, More Seventy cents, Eighty cents, Ninety cents, A dollar!</p> <p>Here is a letter. I need a stamp To send it to Washington, D.C. From language camp.</p> <p>How much is it? Ten cents, Twenty cents, Thirty cents, More Forty cents, Fifty cents, Sixty cents, More Seventy cents, Eighty cents, Ninety cents, A dollar!</p>	<p><i>Each cut/normalized audio file needs markers on every word as well as a text file for each verse.</i></p>

APPLY- FINAL CHALLENGE

READING ASSESSMENT - Ping finishes her letter

Ping is looking over her letter, chewing on the end of her pen and thinking. A close up of Ping’s the 3 choices Ping has for introducing her father.

<u>Robot:</u>	<p>Ping is writing her letter. Can you help her? She wants to introduce her father in English. What should she say?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My father is tall. • My father’s name is Wen. • My mother is happy. <p>Text below displays on screen in Chinese:</p> <p>“Which line says, “My father’s name is Wen”?”</p>	<p>Student must read the note and click on one of three M/C answers</p> <p>1st time fail: User hears first feedback in English with Chinese text only translation displaying on screen: “No, try again.”.</p> <p>2nd time fail: User hears 2nd feedback: “It’s this one.”” After 2nd fail and auto answer displays, advance the student to the next scene.</p>
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LISTENING ASSESSMENT - Ping at Post office

BACKGROUND: On the same background we opened with from the 2nd coaching. Ping is at the window of the post office.

Gizmo	It’s time to listen and help Ping mail her letter to her host family.	
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Postmaster	Hello. What do you need?	
Ping:	I need a stamp to the United States.	
Postmaster	What is the address on the letter?	
Gizmo:	<p>Ping has forgotten what to say. Her letter is going to Los Angeles. Listen to these statements and help Ping answer this question.</p> <p>[Text below displays on screen in Chinese]</p> <p>Click on these three buttons to find the one that says in English, "The letter is going to Los Angeles."</p> <p>[3 audio buttons appear without text]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The letter is going to Shenzhen. • I need a stamp. • The letter is going to Los Angeles. 	
SPEAKING ASSESSMENT - Your turn		
The passport character selected would appear in the scene with the other character. Same two scenes as used for coaching – the table and the post office. There are 6 total student responses required.		
Conversation 01		
Gizmo	Now it's your turn. Click on Mr. Lin to begin.	
Teacher Lin	Is this your letter?	
Gizmo	Say – Yes. This is my letter. (1)	
If correct:		
Teacher Lin	Where is the letter going?	
Gizmo	Tell her, "My letter is going to Los Angeles." (2)	
If correct:		
Teacher Lin	What do you need?	
Gizmo	Say, "I need a stamp to the United States." (3)	
If correct:		
Teacher Lin	Here it is. See you later.	Teacher exits screen transitions to new scene in the post office.
Conversation 02		
Gizmo:	Now it's time for you to mail your letter. Click on the postmaster to begin.	
Postmaster	Hello. What do you need?	
Gizmo	Say, "Hello. I need a stamp." (4)	
If correct:		
Postmaster	Where is the letter going?	

Gizmo	The letter is going to Los Angeles.	
If correct		
Postmaster	You need one dollar and eighty cents.	
Gizmo	Answer – <i>Here it is.</i> (5)	
If correct		
Postmaster	Thank you.	
Gizmo	Say, "You're welcome."	
If correct		
Gizmo	That was terrific! Click on a copy of Ping's letter to save in your scrapbook and end this lesson.	User clicks screen and is sent back to the backpack to begin the next episode.

Global Content		
Word Wizard / Hidden Treasure / Falling Jewels		
Vocabulary		
Target	Recycled	Enrichment
Cents	am	apartment
currency	are	cabin
Dear	city	camp
Denver	click on	Ella
dollar(s)	do	happy
eighty	east	house
family	Eight	L.A.
father	email	language
fifty	Fei	Stan
forty	find	Townhouse
host	Five	
How much	Forgotten	
it	Four	
letter	friend	
Los Angeles	from (with place name)	
Mail	good	
money	goodbye	
mother	hello	
ninety	hi	
post office	in	
seventy	is	
Sincerely (at end of letter)	later	
sixty	Lu	
soon	morning	
stamp	my	
thirty	name	

<p>to live to write Twenty Washington, DC we will writing</p>	<p>nice nine one Paper Pen Ping say Seven Six ten the Three Tianming to to have, to need, to want Two you</p>	
<p>Phrases</p>		
<p>How much is... My father's name is... My mother's name is ...</p>	<p>Good morning. Good afternoon. Good evening. My name is... I need... Thank you. Thanks. Here you are.</p>	