

## Journey of a Letter

**Approach:** Station

**Focus:** Cloze test of reading.

**Resources:** Computer programme on laptop computer.

**Level:** Year 8 only

**Questions/instructions:**

This activity is done on the computer.

1. Click on the button that says *Journey of a Letter* to begin the task. The computer will then tell you what to do.

If it doesn't, tell the teacher.

**Journey of a Letter**

If you were a letter how would you get to the address on your envelope? Click to start the story!

**1 Getting it right**

If you were a letter how would you get to the address on your envelope?

The easiest way is to let New Zealand Post look after you.

**2 Where to post!**

You can post your letter at a Post Shop. You can also pop your letter into one of the white, red and black posting boxes you see around the streets

**OOPS!**  
The last word has been missed off the end of each line. Type in the word you think is missing, so each line makes sense.

Our first job is to collect the .....  
Van drivers visit every post .....  
and Post Shop to collect all .....  
mail posted that day. The .....  
then takes all the mail to a .....  
called the Mail Service Centre. ....  
the Centre all the bags are .....  
and the envelopes are all .....  
up so their addresses .....  
facing the same .....  
ready for postmarking to be .....

**Total score: 11 - 13**

Read Start again Done

	% responses
Our first job is to collect the <u>letters, mail, post</u> .	y8 90
Van drivers visit every post <u>box [best]</u> <u>office</u>	60 27
and Post Shop to collect all <u>the, people's</u>	70
mail posted that day. The <u>van, drivers,</u> <u>postman</u>	88
then takes all the mail to a <u>place, building [best]</u> <u>factory, office</u>	67 8
called the Mail Service Centre. <u>At, In</u>	52
the Centre all the bags are <u>opened, emptied,</u> <u>undone, upended</u>	24
and the envelopes are all <u>faced, turned,</u> <u>piled, stacked,</u> <u>sorted</u>	29
up so their addresses <u>are</u>	76
facing the same <u>way, direction</u>	84
ready for postmarking to be <u>stamped, done,</u> <u>added</u>	42
<b>Total score: 11 - 13</b>	25
<b>8 - 10</b>	44
<b>5 - 7</b>	21
<b>0 - 4</b>	10

**Commentary:**

This task produced a wide range of scores.