

mailbox envelope Post Office
mailman sidewalk policeman

Mikey Mails It

“Mikey, I have some letters for you to mail,” Mom called.

“Coming, Mom!” Mikey put down his book and went downstairs.

“Make sure these all go inside the mailbox,” Mom reminded him. Their street had a blue mailbox on the corner just two blocks away.

“I will, Mom.” He headed down the street. It was a little windy. When he got to Evan’s driveway, he saw his friend bouncing a basketball. Mikey put down the mail and started playing with his friend.

Suddenly three envelopes flew by, caught by the wind.



“Yikes!” Mikey and Evan scrambled to catch the letters. Mikey counted to make sure he had them all. Then he ran down to the mailbox and mailed them before he forgot again.

The next day, Mom came into Mikey’s bedroom.

“Would you take this to Mrs. Smith’s house?” she asked, holding up a big yellow envelope. “It’s the money from the bake sale. I need you to go straight there and make sure you give it to Mrs. Smith.”

Mikey felt grown-up as he marched down the sidewalk with the envelope under his arm.

At the end of the block, his friend Emily came around the corner. She had a bouncy black puppy on a leash.

“We have a new dog!” Emily exclaimed. The cute little puppy jumped up against Mikey’s legs.



“Wow!” Mikey giggled as the furry little dog nudged him with its nose. “I think he likes me.”

“Yes, he does,” Emily agreed. “Do you want to walk him?”

“Sure! Mikey was about to take the leash, when he saw the mailbox up ahead. “Oh, wait. First, I have to mail this for my mom.”

Mikey ran up to the mailbox, opened it, and tossed the yellow envelope inside.



Just as he heard the envelope drop down inside, he remembered that the yellow envelope wasn't mail. It was the money from the bake sale. He had thrown the money in the mailbox!

Mikey tried to see into the mailbox, but it was completely dark.

“What's the matter?” Emily ran up, the puppy barking at the excitement.

He told her his mistake, and her eyes opened wide.

“Maybe you can reach it,” Emily suggested. Emily held the mailbox door open while Mikey stood on his tiptoes and tried to reach into the mailbox as far as his arm would go.

“What’s going on, kids?”

Mikey and Emily both turned around. Two kids and an excited puppy stared up at a very tall policeman. The policeman looked very serious. Mikey couldn’t help it. He started to cry.

“I mailed the money,” he sobbed. “It was an accident!”

After Mikey had sniffled out the whole story, the officer walked Mikey home. Mom was surprised to see a policeman at the door.



Once Mom called the Post Office, things turned out well. A mailman came, found the yellow envelope and gave it back to Mikey's mom.

"Next time," Mikey promised, "I'll finish my job before I stop to play!"



Mikey Mails It (exercises)

1. True or False?

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_____ Emily had a new brown and white puppy.

_____ The policeman took Mikey to jail.

_____ Money from the bake sale was in the yellow envelope.

2. Circle the correct answers.

When his mom gave Mikey the three envelopes:

- a. Mikey took them straight to the mailbox.
- b. Emily's new puppy ate them.
- c. Mikey put the envelopes down to play basketball.

Why did the policeman come?

- a. The puppy was barking too loud.
- b. The kids were trying to reach into the mailbox.
- c. He had a letter to mail.

Mikey promised:

- a. He would clean his room.
- b. He would finish his job before he stopped to play.
- c. He would never mail another letter.

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