

The Postcrossing as motivation for studying of English



In modern society knowledge of foreign languages become more important and necessary. Professional communication, travelling, reading require you English language skill. Many different ways exist to study English. One of them is Postcrossing.

POSTCROSSING

Postcrossing is an online project that allows its members to send and receive postcards from all over the world.

The project's tag line is "send a postcard and receive a postcard back from a random person somewhere in the world!"

The project is completely free and anyone with an address can create an account.



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POST CARD



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Why? Because, like the founder, there are lots of people who like to receive real mail. The element of surprise of receiving postcards from different places in the world (many of which you probably have never heard of) can turn your mailbox into a box of surprises - and who wouldn't like that?

How does it work?

First the short version:

- request an address from the website
- mail the postcard to the address
- Wait to receive a postcard
- register the received postcard in the system



Send a postcard

Traveling: 0 out of 9 postcards

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A few notes - please read carefully:

- You will be given a **Postcard ID** that you must write on the postcard - the recipient will need it to register your postcard on this website.
- A copy of the **address** you should mail the postcard to will be sent to your email account.
- You should read the **Community Guidelines** before exchanging any postcards.
- Don't know what to write? What language to use? Have other questions? Then please check the **F.A.Q.** first.

☐ I've read the notes above and want to receive an address to where I'll send a postcard.

 **Request address**

The first step is to request to send a postcard. The website will display (and send you an email) with the address of another member and a Postcard ID. You then mail a postcard to that member.

The member receives the postcard and registers it using the Postcard ID that is on the postcard. At this point, you are eligible to receive a postcard from another user. You are now in line for the next person that requests to send a postcard. Where the postcard comes from is a surprise!



How can Postcrossing help in studying of English?

Several experienced Postcrossers from different countries expressed their opinions about motivation of exchange of postcards

“Writing postcards to foreigners give me chances to use English sentences more often , and I need to translate what I wanted to say like my country's traditions , food ,anything else in English so they can understand .



And though Postcrossing , I made some penpal friend that can chat with, we talk about movie , to shows and lots of daily life stuff (even translate song lyrics) , that all need to write in English , that's how use Postcrossing can help me improve my English.”

Zoey from Taiwan

“I do not get much of an opportunity to use Postcrossing as a way to learn new languages, because English is the official language of Postcrossing and is my language. I do try to translate the descriptions that are on the backs of the cards by typing the foreign words into the Google Translate app to find out what they say.

I can certainly see how exchanging correspondence with others can be a help in learning another language. I do get curious about learning other languages and could probably ask people to write something in their language to help me learn.”



John from the United States

“For me Postcrossing is a possibility to practice my English skills. Sometimes I use dictionary to find the (hopefully) right words. Because of the different wishes and interests of the recipient, I have to use different words and topics.



So I learn a lot. And also reading incoming postcards is every time a big surprise. Some writer are very communicative and tell me new things about their culture. But also the cards their self and the stamps are very interesting as also a motivation for me to join Postcrossing!”

Claudia from Germany

Postcrossing- a great way

- to find friends around the globe
- to improve your English language skills,
- to start to travel
- and just collect letters, postcards and received gifts

By June 2015 Postcrossing had more than 500.000 members in 213 different countries who had registered and exchanged over 30 million postcards that have traveled over 151 billion kilometers.





Happy
Postcrossing!