

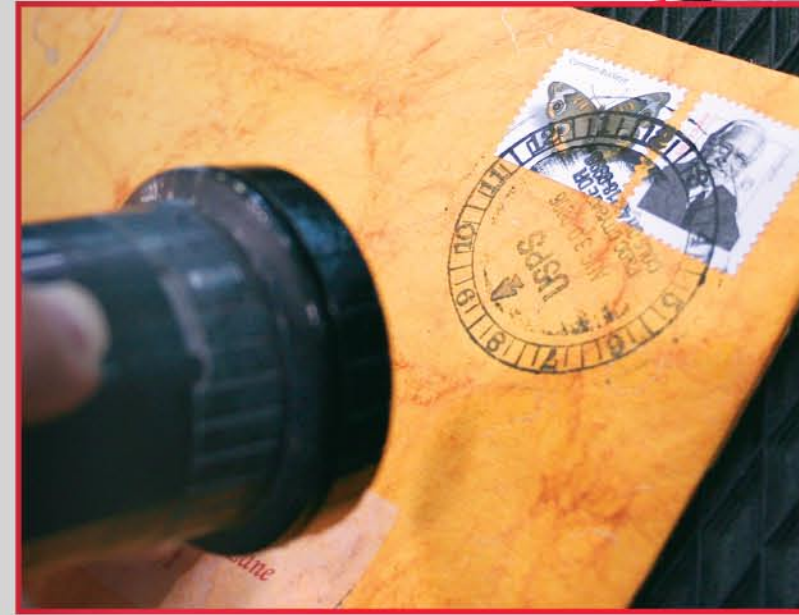
Mail handlers work in a huge room called a mail processing center. Some handlers sort the incoming mail to get it ready to be delivered to your house.



Some mail handlers operate canceling machines. Cancel marks show the date and time a letter is mailed.



Other mail handlers sort outgoing mail. This mail is loaded onto trucks to take it to other post offices or to the airport.



The machines also read the ZIP Codes and print bar codes on the mail. Other machines read the bar codes to sort the mail for delivery.

One day a yellow cat came into the post office. Postmaster Dan said, "I can't take you home, kitty. I like you, but cats make my little girl sneeze."  
"Hold it," said a mail carrier. "I have a great idea."  
"What?" asked Postmaster Dan.

"How about having a post office cat?"  
"Yes! Why not?" asked the mail handlers and clerks.  
"Well, our cat would need a name," said Postmaster Dan.

