Lost Letters

While you’re waiting in line, can you find the 20 ENVELOPES hidden in this post office?

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It’s in the Mail

The Pony Express was created in 1860 to deliver express mail to California. At the time, neither a railroad nor telegraph line went that far west.

The riders in the Pony Express rode horses, not ponies.

The average speed of a Pony Express rider was 10 miles per hour.

The Pony Express only ran for 18 months, from April 1860 to October 1861. By then, a telegraph line had been set up across the country.

Today, the Postal Service uses planes, trains, trucks, cars, boats, ferries, helicopters, subways, floatplanes, hovercraft, mules, bicycles, and feet to transport mail.

In 2013, the U.S. Postal Service sorted and delivered more than 500 million pieces of mail every day (except Sundays).