



## The Importance of Communication

### Looking Back:

Communication is important, not only to convey information but to let people know that we are thinking about them and that we care for them. It is especially important when families are separated. During WWII, service men and women served all over Europe as well as in Asia. Sending letters from home boosted the morale of our troops as well as reminded family members how much they were missed and loved.

During WWII there was no internet. Planes were being used to ship military supplies. There had to be a system developed to get mail overseas without the weight and space of shipping thousands of letters. V-Mail was developed to solve the problem, allowing communication to flow.

### ONLINE RESOURCE: The Development of V-Mail

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBNa4mHTfyY>

### Living the Legacy:

Communication is as important today as it was during WWII.

- How do you think the soldiers and people at home felt when they received a letter from a loved one who was far away? Why was it important to let those serving away from home know you were thinking of them?
- What are the ways we use to communicate with our family members and friends?
- Why is it important to communicate with friends and family we do not see every day?
- Take time today to write a letter or draw a picture and send it to someone you don't see often, such as a grandparent or someone who lives alone. Imagine how your note will make him or her feel. If you don't have stamps, email or call the person.

### How to address an envelope

The diagram shows a rectangular envelope with a dashed line for the fold. In the top left corner, there is a box labeled "return address". In the top right corner, there is a box labeled "stamp". In the center, there are three horizontal lines with labels: "name", "house number & street name", and "town, state & zip code".

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