

A colorful illustration of an elderly woman with short, wavy grey hair, wearing a yellow top, orange earrings, and a matching necklace. She is smiling as she opens a brown cardboard box. Inside the box, a framed photograph of a family—a man, a woman, and two children—is visible. The background shows a mailbox with a blue sign that says "MAIL" and a house in the distance.

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- ▶ Look at this big box.
Who is it for?
Where will the big box go?



- ▣ The man will get the box.
He will put it on top.
Where will the big box go?



- ▶ The box will go in the plane.
It will go up the ramp.
It will come down the ramp.



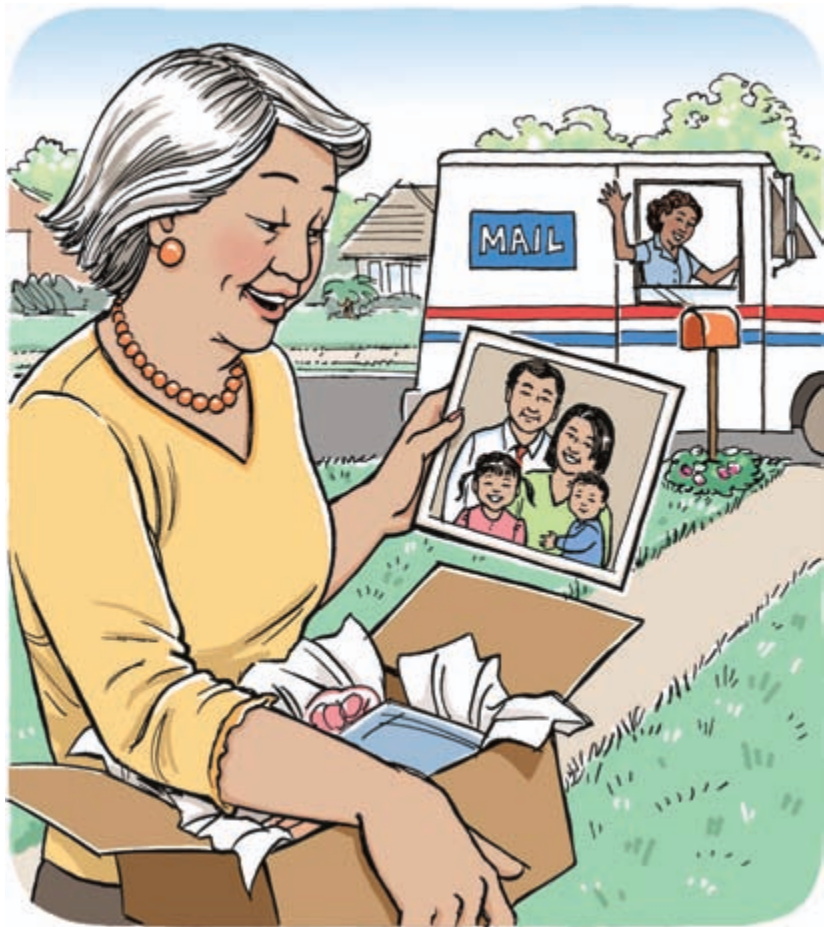
- The big box is here.
Where will it go?
She will look at the box.



- ▶ The box is in this truck.
- The truck will go up a hill.
- The truck will go down a hill.



She will get out here.
She will get the box out.
Who will get the big box?



- The big box is here.
What can it have in it?
See what is in the box!

Think Critically

- 1 How does the setting change in this story? Tell about the setting at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end.
- 2 What else might be in the box?
- 3 Have you ever sent or received a package in the mail? What was inside it?



School Activity Have children draw a picture of something they would like to get in the mail.



School-Home Connection Ask your child to help you sort your mail. Talk about what came in the mail.

Story Words: plane, truck