



## Postman Paula's Deliveries

### Learning values

- Exploring vehicle designs for specific purposes
- Exploring different ways of dispatching mail
- Understanding parts of community services

### Recommended materials

- 9333 Vehicles Set

### Vocabulary

Encourage the use of these words during the activity:

- Letters
- Parcels
- Letter panniers
- Bicycle
- Motorbike
- Mail van
- Delivery
- Recipient
- Sender
- Stamps

### Connect

Six days a week, Postman Paula is out every morning delivering lots of letters and parcels. She has a red bicycle with a big letter pannier on both sides and another bag on the front handlebars.

Postman Paula is not getting any younger, and with the increased quantity of parcels these days, she dreads having to carry everything on her bicycle. For some time, Postman Paula's manager has been looking into what can be done to help. He had thought about a motorbike, but after talking with Paula he realised that the best thing would be to provide her with a new mail route and a mail van. But how can he get one for Paula?



Use the illustration to support the Connect story

## Construct

- Design and make a mail van for Postman Paula so that she can quickly, and with less effort, deliver mail every day.



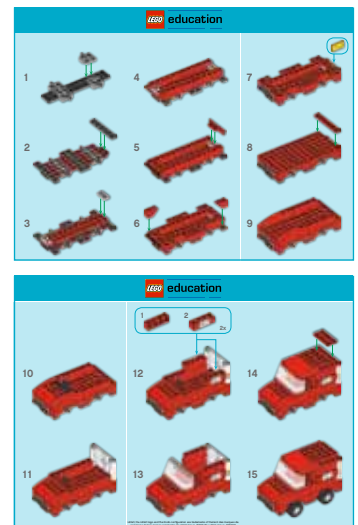
Suggested model solution

## Contemplate

- Ask the children to consider the appearance of the mail van. In what way is it easily recognisable? Can it be made even easier to identify?
- Discuss with the children how the post is delivered. Why and when does a postman on a bicycle deliver the post, and why and when is the post delivered by a mail van? Are there other ways of distributing mail?
- How is post usually sent today? On what specific occasions do most people get letters or parcels delivered by the postman? What does it take to send a letter or a parcel? Talk about writing recipient addresses, sender details and putting stamps on envelopes.

## Continue

- At some houses, the letter box is attached to the house, while at others it is placed at the beginning of the driveway, which is, in fact, much easier for the postman. Design and make different types of letter boxes, and place them so that it is easy for Postman Paula to deliver the mail.
- Pretend you are the postman and have to deliver the post. Decide whether to walk, ride a bicycle, or drive a motorbike or mail van. Your route is in town. Who do you meet on your way? Describe your route? What types of letters and parcels do you deliver?



Can be used as inspiration



