

# Garden Mail Mystery

## HOST ONLY - preparation and story

Includes answers. Keep these pages with an adult.

The garden post desk has mixed up its delivery record. Read the labels, check the route and rebuild the slot order before the flower fair opens. Collect five named badge digits and use the final sheet. Every clue is on the table; ask the host for one hint at a time.

1. Print one player pack and two record sheets per team. Keep the host answers and all three hint levels with the adult.
2. Keep every clue as a full sheet at one table. Put the final sheet face down until all five results are recorded. Nothing needs cutting, folding or hiding.
3. Give each child a pencil. Choose a reader, recorder and checker, and swap jobs after each clue. Use one team for 2-4 children or two teams for 5-6.

Players: 4; teams: 1. Print one player and prop set per team. Invitations and certificates: 4 each.

Paper and pencils are enough. Keep whole sheets at one table; nothing needs cutting, folding or hiding.

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## HOST ONLY - solution guide

### 1. Address: 6

Robin has Leaf; Bee has Seed; Snail has Petal. Snail's item gives 6.

### 2. Seal: 4

Different positions are 1, 3, 4, 6. There are 4 differences.

### 3. Route: 1

The route ends at row 2, column 3. That cell gives 1.

### 4. Post: 3

Known stock:  $10 + 4 - 1 = 13$ . Closing stock 16 minus 13 gives the missing return 3. Cancelled +7 never arrived.

### 5. Slots: 6

The decoded word is MAIL; its row gives 6.

### 6. Final: 64163

E3 > B3 > C3 > A3 > D3

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## HOST ONLY - timeline and paper check

3 minutes: Read the story, show the badge record and choose roles.

6 minutes: Solve Address. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

3 minutes: Solve Seal. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

4 minutes: Solve Route. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

5 minutes: Solve Post. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

4 minutes: Solve Slots. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

5 minutes: Use the five results on the final sheet.

2 minutes: Read the ending and thank each teammate.

Paper completion: check each badge against the solution guide, then check the final code. No device is required.

The letters are back in their slots. The flower fair can open with every invitation delivered. Thank your team for checking the evidence together. Confirmed final control code: 64163.

Duration and ages are estimates. Adjust pace and offer help for your group.