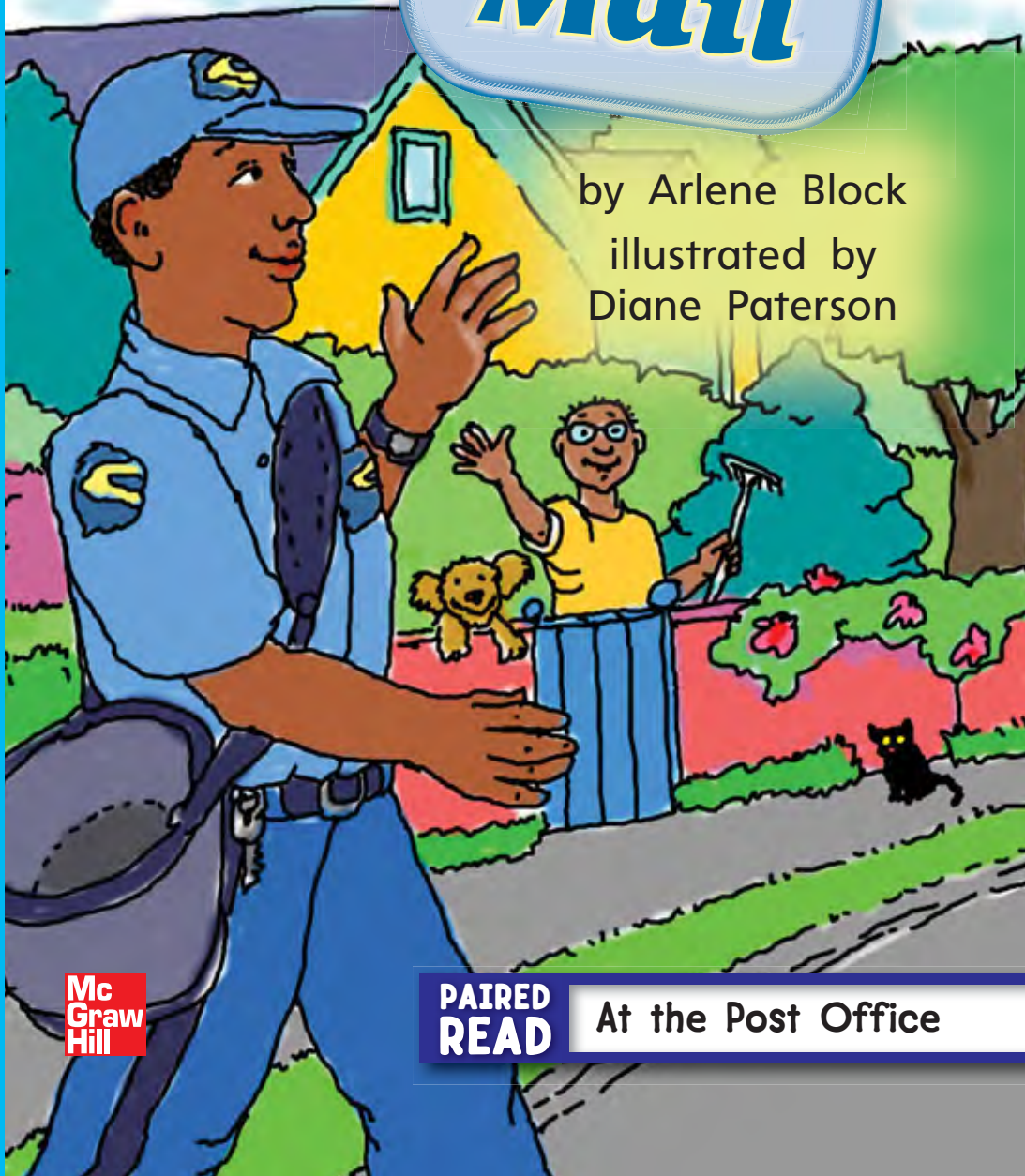


Realistic  
Fiction

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## STRATEGIES & SKILLS

### Comprehension

**Strategy:** Make and Confirm Predictions

**Skill:** Character, Setting, Events

### Phonics

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### Content Standards

#### Social Studies

Economics

### High-Frequency Words

again, help, new, there, use

Word count: 139\*\*

\*\*The total word count is based on words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in captions, labels, diagrams, charts, and sidebars are not included.



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Genre **Realistic Fiction**



## Essential Question

What jobs need to be done in a community?

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Ben will stop here. He has a big job to do.





There is a lot of mail!

“Hello, Miss Deb,” says Ben.  
“Here is a letter for you.”







The letter makes Miss Deb glad.



Ben says, "Hello, Sam. Here is an ad for you."

The ad will help Sam fix his bike.



“Hello, Meg,” says Ben.  
“I have a box for you.”

A new dress is in the box.



Where is Jen? Ben has a letter for Jen.

Jen is not here. Ben will use this box.



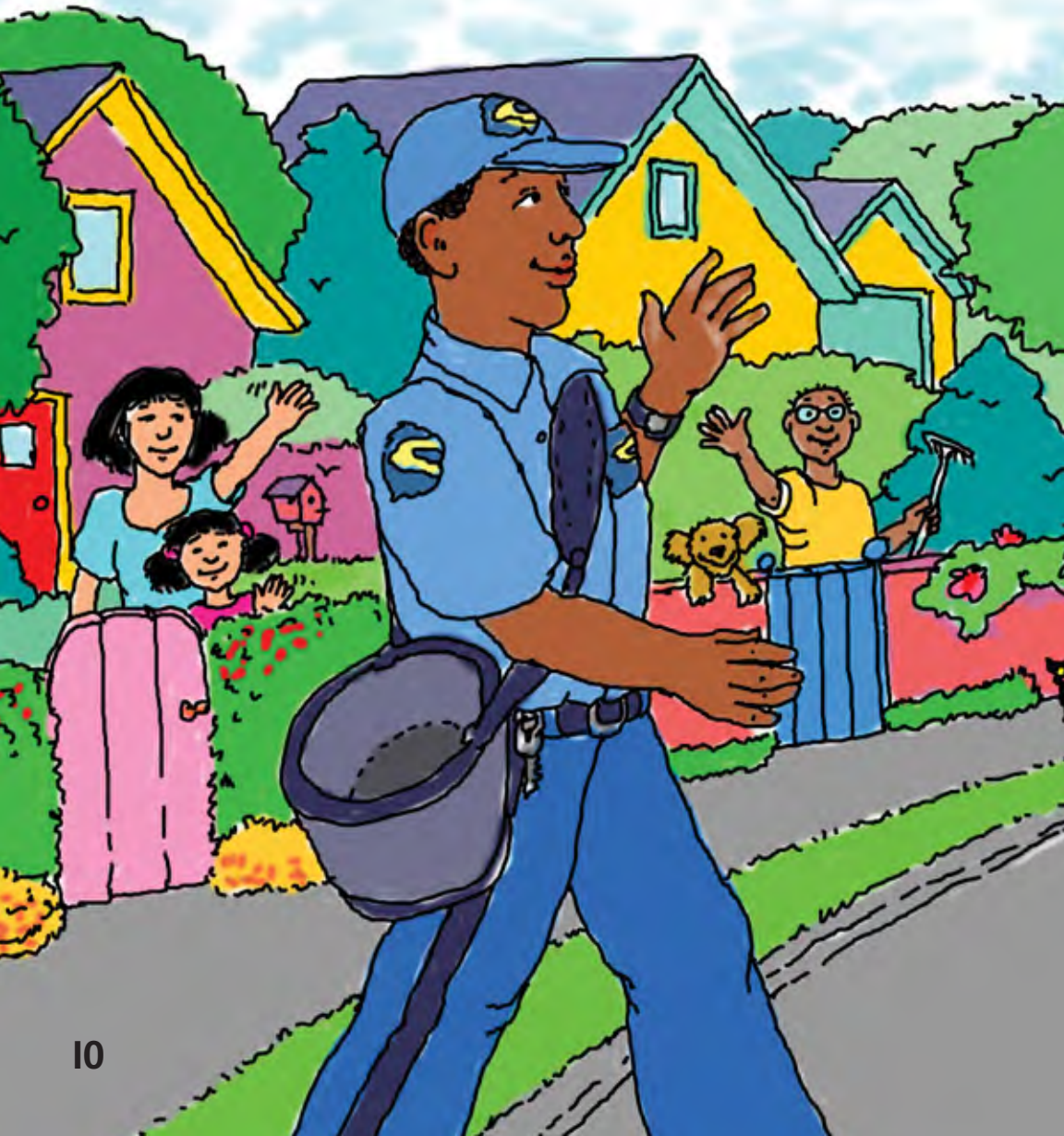


Ben says, "Hello, Rex."

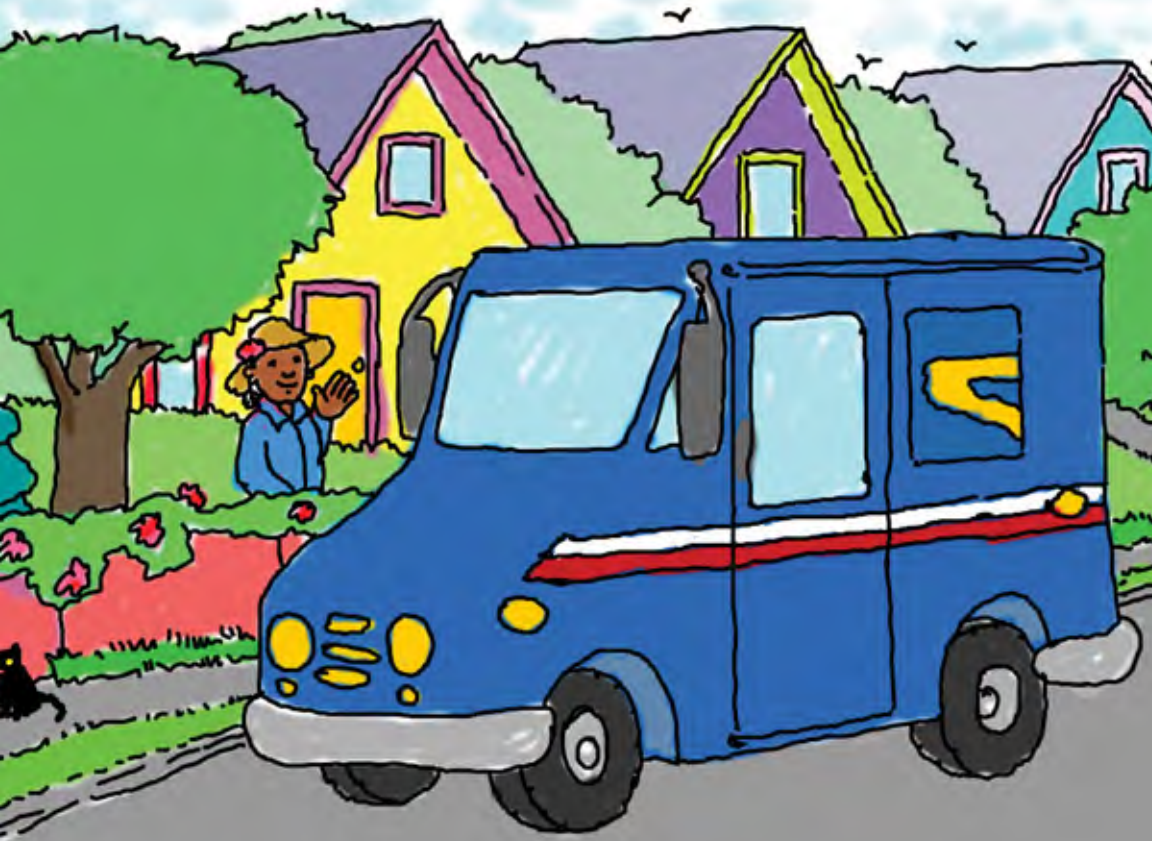
There is no letter for Rex.  
There is no ad or box.  
Rex is still glad to see Ben.



Ben did his job. He will head back to get new mail.



Ben will be here again.



# Respond to Reading

## Retell

Use the chart to retell *Ben Brings the Mail*.

Character	Setting	Events

## Text Evidence

1. Who is Ben and where does he work? **Character, Setting, Events**
2. What can you tell about Ben?  
**Character, Setting, Events**
3. How can you tell that *Ben Brings the Mail* is realistic fiction? **Genre**



# At the Post Office



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## Compare Texts

What jobs do people do at the post office?

Who works here?  
How do they help you  
send and get mail?





sorting  
clerk

bin



## Make Connections

How is a post office worker like Ben in *Ben Brings the Mail*?

Text to Text



# Focus on Genre

**Realistic Fiction** Realistic fiction is a made-up story that could happen in real life. The people and places in the story seem like real people and places.

**What to Look for** The characters in *Ben Brings the Mail* are like real people. The story happens in a place that seems real. The events could be real.

## Your Turn

Plan a realistic fiction story.  
Tell about characters, settings,  
and events that could be real.

# Thinkmark

## Setting

Where did *Ben Brings the Mail* take place?

## Characters

Who is the main character?

Who are the other characters?

## Sequence of Events

What happened in this story?

Tell what happened first, then, next, and finally.