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Whether their travel is real or imagined, you can help children use the Postcard Creator to combine words and images to share experiences from faraway places. Although the postcards can't be sent through the mail on their own, children can place them in an envelope or hand deliver them to friends or family.

Here's What to Do

Inspired by a trip, book, or another experience, children choose an image they will feature on a postcard (see the [printable page of illustration options](#)). Talk with children about why people send postcards and encourage them to connect their message to the picture that will be on the front of the postcard.

Children begin with an overview of the parts of a postcard and are then prompted for information to include in each section. They print their postcards and follow directions to fold the postcard and add a drawing or picture they'll cut and paste. To plan the postcard, children can work with the printable [Postcard Planning Sheet](#). See a completed [sample Postcard](#) based on *Where the Wild Things Are*.

More Ideas to Try

- After a vacation or a visit to an attraction or community event, help children write to a friend or family member to share their reactions and experiences.
- Visit the local library or go online with a child to research an exotic location. Help the child tell a friend about the "virtual vacation," including a picture or collage and some interesting facts about the chosen destination.
- After reading a book in which a character travels away from friends or family, use the Postcard Creator to send a card from that character to someone else in the book.

*This tool uses the free Flash browser plug-in (version 8 or later), which can be downloaded from the ReadWriteThink.org Site Tools page: http://www.readwritethink.org/site_tools.html.

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Intended for: Grades K–12

Ages 4–18

Technical requirements: Flash 8*

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