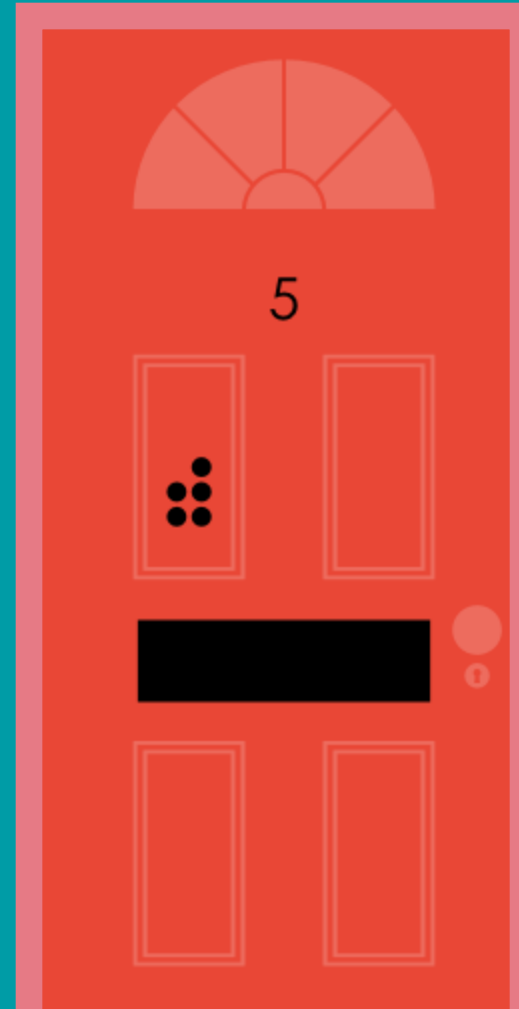


# Sorting Office Maths Challenge

## What is a sorting office?

Key words: machines, postcodes, sorting



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# What is a sorting office?

The **sorting office** is where letters and parcels are taken to be **sorted** into **different groups** before they can be delivered.



# What happens inside?



Inside a sorting office both **postal workers** and **machines** work quickly to get the mail **sorted**.

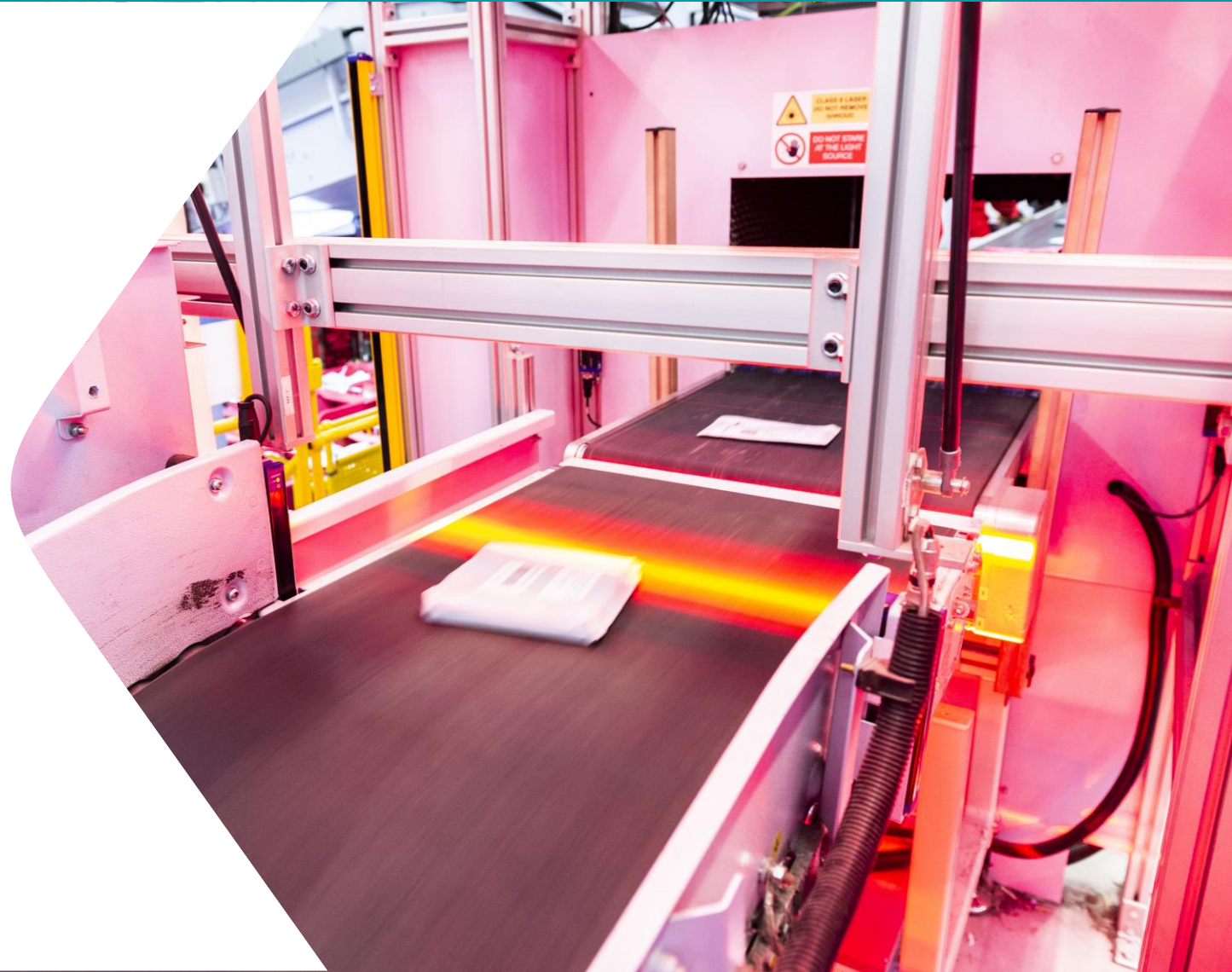
# Mail sorting machines

Special **machines** are used to make sorting **large amounts** of letters and parcels much **faster!**



# Codes and the mail

The machines can read the postcodes and barcodes to correctly sort the letters and parcels.



# What is a postcode?

A **postcode** is a **unique** set of numbers and letters that **identify** a street or large building.

For example:

**GU1 2AF**



# Sorting the mail by area



All the mail that is being sent to the **same area** is **grouped** together in **trolleys**.

# Transporting the mail

The sorted mail is sent to **delivery offices** around the country and even across **the world!**

