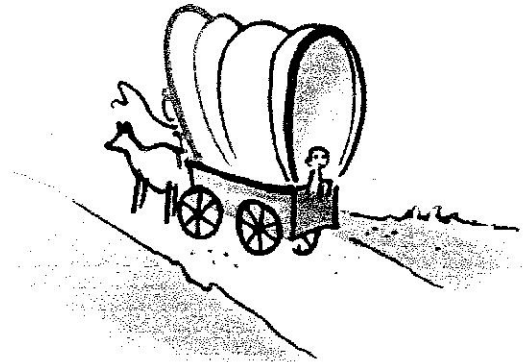


► Underline the word that correctly completes each sentence.

1. (Mail carriers, Mail carriers') routes today differ greatly from routes 160 years ago.
2. Western (settlers', settlers) letters were delivered only once or twice a month.
3. (Letters, Letters') routes might include a trip around South America.
4. These early (pioneers, pioneers') were upset with this system.
5. They wanted prompt, consistent (services', services).
6. In 1857, Congress listened to these (Westerners, Westerners') complaints.



► Rewrite each phrase using a plural possessive noun.

7. the horses of the stagecoaches \_\_\_\_\_
8. the experiences of the drivers \_\_\_\_\_
9. the miles of the routes \_\_\_\_\_
10. the harnesses belonging to the horses \_\_\_\_\_
11. the lands belonging to the American Indians \_\_\_\_\_

► Underline each incorrect word and write it correctly.

12. John Butterfield had worked in the stage business and knew drivers responsibilities. \_\_\_\_\_
13. He contracted with the government to move the settlers mail for six years. \_\_\_\_\_
14. His stagecoaches routes followed the southwestern states to California. \_\_\_\_\_
15. His way stations locations were scattered across the route.  
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16. By 1859 the pony express, with its young riders speed, had replaced the Butterfield Overland Express Company.  
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