

Year 2 History – How has communication changed through time?



In this history unit, we are going to take a tour across the history of communication from hieroglyphics to the world wide web. We will look at how people got in touch with each other before telephones and e mails, as well as finding out about the people behind some important inventions in communication, including William Caxton, Samuel Morse, Alexander Graham Bell and Tim Berners-Lee.

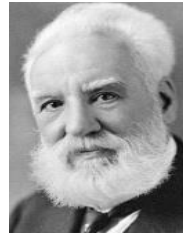


How did people used to communicate?

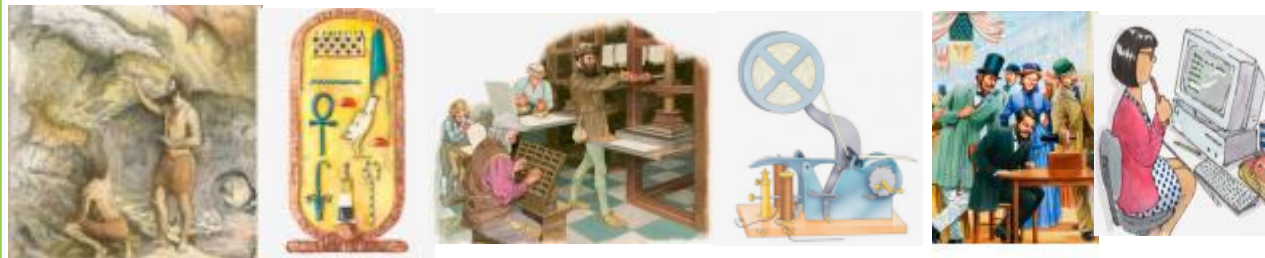
The Egyptians started to write things down over 5000 years ago using hieroglyphics. They used pictures to represent words and sounds. The Egyptians then found a new way of writing things down. Papyrus was made by weaving reeds together and was the first kind of paper. Now, the Egyptians could send letters to other people and keep written records. Did you know the word paper comes from papyrus?

What do we remember Alexander Graham Bell for?

Alexander Graham Bell started to wonder if there was a way of sending noises across the telegraph wires. He had been a teacher for deaf children so he had spent a long time finding out about how sound worked. He started designing a new invention that would let people send voice messages across the telegraph wires. Bell and his friend Watson started to build the machine that they hoped would let people speak even if they were far apart. They succeeded and called the machine the speaking telegraph which eventually became known as the telephone.



From cave paintings to the world wide web!



Changes in communication through time

Key Vocabulary

Communication	Communication is the act of giving, receiving or sharing information. In other words, talking, writing, listening or reading.
World wide web	A collection of webpages found on the global network of computers.
Printing press	A machine that uses ink to transfer words and images to paper.
Morse code	A system of communication using dots, dashes and spaces to represent letters, numbers and punctuation.
E mails	A message that is sent and received using computers.
Telegraph	A system for transmitting messages from a distance along a wire
Hieroglyphics	An ancient writing system using pictures and symbols to represent words

Who was Tim Berners - Lee?

Scientists invented a way to connect computers and called this the internet. Then in 1989, a man called Tim Berners - Lee invented a way for people to share documents and all sorts of other information on the internet. He called it the **world wide web**. The world wide web contains millions of webpages. People can visit web pages to find information, watch videos, look at pictures, send e mails and much more.

