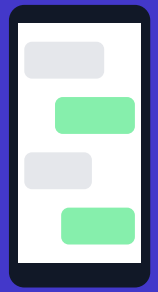


What is communication?



How do we communicate today?





History · Year 1/2

Today we are learning...

What is communication, and how do we communicate today?

Year 1

I can name ways people communicate today.

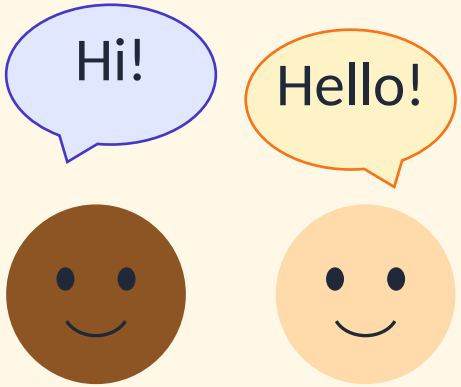
I can say that communication means sharing information.

Year 2

I can explain that people communicate in different ways.

I can say that these ways have changed over time.

What is communication?



Communication means
sharing information.

It's how we pass a message from one person to another.

Let's remember it!

1

Com-mu-ni-ca-tion...

Clap the 5 beats

2

...means sharing...

Hands out from your mouth to a partner

3

...in-for-ma-tion!

Tap your head (it's what you know!)

Say it 3 times: whisper it, say it, then SHOUT it!

Turn and talk

How have YOU communicated today?

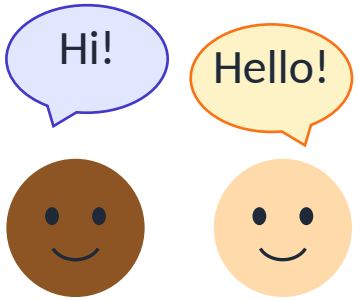
Who did you share information with?

"Today I communicated by ____ with ____."

Game: pass the message!

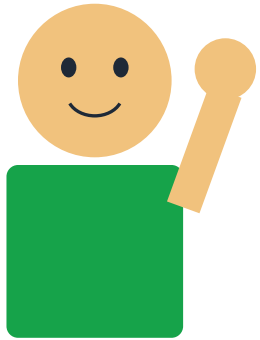
Whisper game

Whisper a message around the circle.
Is it the same at the end?

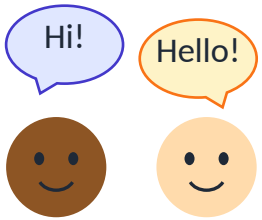


No words!

Can you communicate without talking?
Try a wave, a thumbs up, a smile...



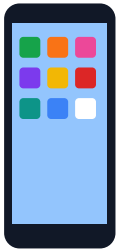
How do we communicate today?



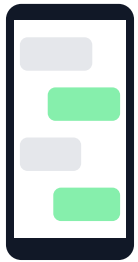
Talking



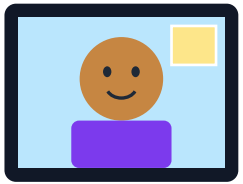
Writing



Phone call



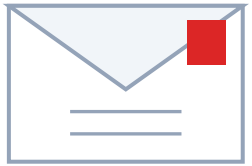
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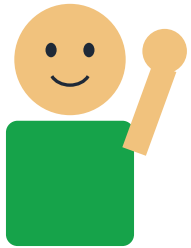
Video call



Email



Letter or card



Signs and waving

Sort it: do we communicate like this NOW?

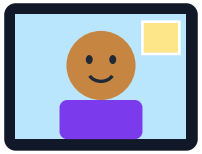
Yes, we use this now!



Mobile phone

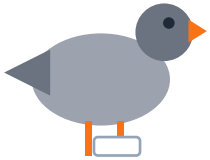


Email

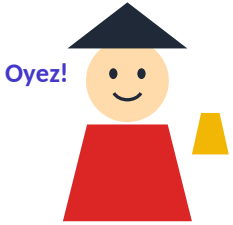


Video call

Not much now



Carrier pigeon



Town crier



Dial telephone

Some ways have changed. Some are not used much any more. That is because communication changes over time!

Video time!



Add your video link here

Watch and spot: how did people communicate in the past?

- old phones
- letters
- phone boxes
- mobile phones

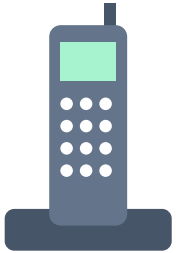
Then and now

THEN



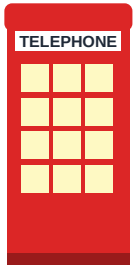
Big home telephone

NOW



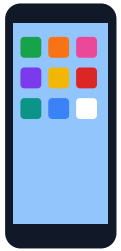
Cordless phone

THEN



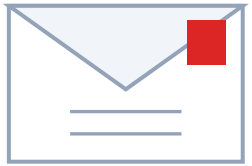
Phone box

NOW



Mobile phone

THEN



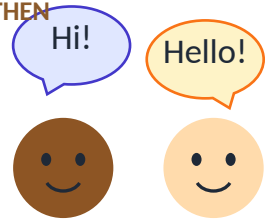
Letter

NOW



Email

THEN



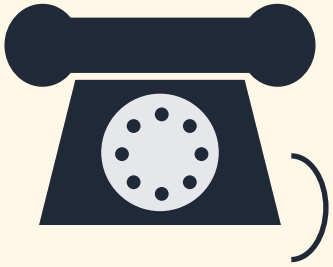
Talking

NOW

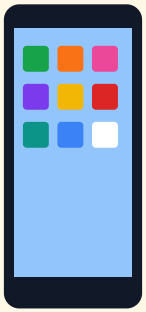


Texting

What is the same? What is different?



VS



Talk to your partner first!

The SAME

We still share information. We can still talk to people far away.

DIFFERENT

Now phones are smaller, have no wires, go in your pocket, and send pictures and messages.

Our key words

communicate
to share information

past
things that have already happened

present
now, today

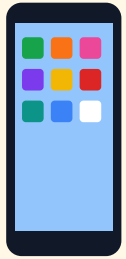
future
things that haven't happened yet

decade
10 years

century
100 years

Our communication timeline







Us! 2026

PAST

1876
The telephone

1973
The mobile phone

1989
The World Wide Web

PRESENT

FUTURE?

We will come back to this timeline in our next lessons!

Activity: then and now

1. Cut out the pictures.
2. Stick each one under THEN or NOW.
3. Match each old way to its new way.
4. Finish the sentences at the bottom.



Year 1: Stick the NOW picture next to the old one. Use the word bank to finish the sentences.

Year 2: Sort all 8 pictures. Finish: Communication is different now because…

Finish the sentences!

Communication is... sharing information.

We communicate by... talking, writing, phoning, texting, emailing...

Communication is different now because... ?

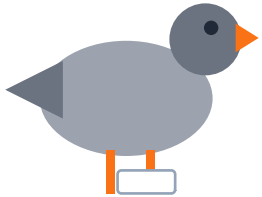
Then do our chant one more time: Communication means sharing information!

Teacher page: lesson plan (about 50 mins)

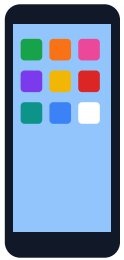
Time	Section	Slides
0–4	Title and Year 1 / Year 2 goals	1–2
4–10	What is communication? 'Sharing information' chant with actions	3–4
10–18	Turn and talk, then the 'pass the message' game	5–6
18–24	How do we communicate today? Sort: now or not much now?	7–8
24–28	Video (optional; add your own link)	9
28–34	Then and now pairs; what is the same and what is different?	10–11
34–38	Key words; past–present timeline with 3 inventions	12–13
38–46	Cut-and-stick worksheet (Y1 / Y2 versions)	14
46–50	Plenary: finish the sentences, chant	15

Resources: worksheet file (Y1 and Y2 versions) · scissors and glue · sort cards (slide 17) · photos of modern communication and an old phone if you can find one.
Year 1 outcome: name or match ways people communicate today; say that communication means sharing information.
Year 2 outcome: explain that people communicate in different ways and that these ways have changed over time.

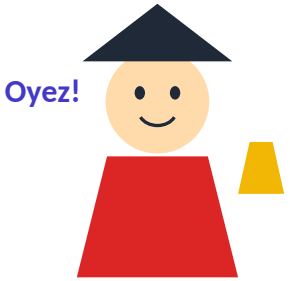
Printable sort cards: cut out



Carrier pigeon



Mobile phone



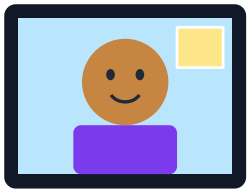
Town crier



Email



Dial telephone



Video call