



With the invention of the telephone, people could connect with one another easily.

1800s

1880s

1960s–1990s

In the past, people mainly sent letters to keep in touch with others.



Some scientists first developed the Internet in the 1960s. It became more and more popular in the following thirty years. People started to set up websites and communicate with one another via e-mails. It saved them a lot of effort and time.

## A Write 'T' (true) or 'F' (false) for each sentence.

e.g. Scientists invented the first telephone in the 1960s.

F

1. The Internet was the most popular in the 1970s.

2. The Internet helps people connect with others easily.

3. Now, people of all ages like to use smartphones.

4. The development of technology changes our communication habits.

Instant messaging tools like ICQ and MSN Messenger were popular at that time. People communicated by sending free instant messages on computers.

Smartphones are very popular among all age groups. The use of social media greatly changed the way people communicate. It is now common to share photos, videos and stories with friends online. People can also 'make friends' easily on these social media platforms.

2000s

2010s



**B** Circle the words in the word search to complete the sentences.

e.g.

v	i	d	e	o	s	c	g
b	w	r	e	h	i	o	o
n	q	m	g	g	n	m	o
e	s	e	y	i	v	p	d
e	j	s	u	k	e	u	t
d	d	s	t	j	n	t	i
m	p	a	s	t	t	e	m
u	n	g	b	l	i	r	e
c	r	e	c	o	o	l	i
v	r	s	m	n	n	u	o
a	g	f	h	i	l	l	p
s	h	a	r	e	n	b	r

**Hints:**

- e.g. Tim enjoys watching funny \_\_\_\_\_ on Ytube.
- 1: Zoe seldom talks on the phone. Instead, she sends \_\_\_\_\_ to her friends.
- 2: Fiona and her friends have a lot of things to \_\_\_\_\_ on social media.
- 3: The Internet is a great \_\_\_\_\_. It makes communication more efficient and convenient.
- 4: People in the \_\_\_\_\_ usually wrote letters to communicate with others.