

Fun Bits 3

Communication? No Problem!

With the help of technology, communication among people are now easy and convenient. Let's learn about different tools for communication over time!

Telephones

Before mobile phones, people usually contacted their friends or relatives with telephones. At that time, people needed to jot down some important telephone numbers in a notebook. When they needed to get a company's telephone number, they looked for it in the Yellow Pages. It was a very thick phone book!

Instant Messaging Tools

ICQ (I Seek You) and MSN Messenger were very popular about fifteen years ago! Users could have a real-time online chat with these tools. In other words, they could share information with others online at once.



A Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) in each box.

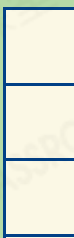
1. People could not find companies' telephone numbers before the invention of mobile phones.
2. People did not like to use ICQ or MSN Messenger in the past.
3. Nowadays, people can use WhatsApp on their smartphones.
4. People can communicate with their friends on Facebook.
5. In the past, when people sent messages using MSN Messenger, they got the replies from others one day later.


Messaging Applications (Apps) and Social Media


Nowadays, the advanced technology let people download messaging apps on their smartphones and have an instant chat with others any time and anywhere. One of the examples is WhatsApp. Apart from using messaging apps, people also like to interact with their friends and family on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram.

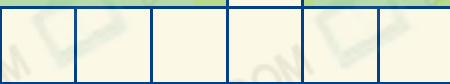



B Read the hints and complete the crossword puzzle with the correct words from the text.

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STEAM Highlights

What did people use to contact others before the invention of mobile phones? (Find the answer from the text and check it on P.72.)

- Hints:**
1. Nowadays, _____ phones become must-have items for people.
 2. Sending letters is not _____ because it needs stamps and envelopes.
 3. Instagram is a _____ mobile app because many people post their photos on it.
 4. People can keep in touch with one another with the use of _____ media.
 5. ICQ and MSN Messenger allowed users to get _____ responses from others.