



## How to interpret and analyse information?

- skim through the entire passage to have a thorough understanding of the content
- be prepared to integrate and paraphrase ideas, and to do simple calculations

## What specifics to note?

- numbers, years, dates, time markers, names, etc.

## Let's practise!

Centuries ago, when long-distance communication was not as effortless as it is now, <sup>1</sup>drums and smoke signals were primarily used in <sup>6</sup>Africa, China and North America for communicative purposes. These include <sup>7</sup>announcing news, calling people to gather around and drawing public attention to potential dangers. As time progressed, <sup>2</sup>homing pigeons were introduced as messengers into Athens, Greece in 776 BC <sup>8</sup>to announce the winner of the Olympic Games. But all these may sound alien to our modern ears.

Things became more familiar to us as the means of communication went electronic. This happened <sup>3</sup>two thousand five hundred and ninety-two years later, when <sup>4</sup>Francis Ronalds, a scientist-inventor based in <sup>9</sup>England, created the first working electrical telegraph, enabling rapid global communication. Numerous attempts to improve it followed, and it was the one made by Alexander Bell sixty years later that gave rise to the first <sup>5</sup>telephone, which <sup>10</sup>revolutionalised telecommunication...

What are the communication tools mentioned in the paragraphs? What are their origins and uses? Complete the summary tables below. Some of the details have been completed to help you.

	Communication tool(s)	Year of invention	Inventor
<b>Tool 1</b>	<sup>1</sup> drums and smoke signals	✗	✗
<b>Tool 2</b>	<sup>2</sup> homing pigeons	(i) <u>776 BC</u>	✗
<b>Tool 3</b>	(ii) <u>electrical telegraph</u>	<sup>3</sup> 1816	<sup>4</sup> Francis Ronalds
<b>Tool 4</b>	<sup>5</sup> telephone	(iii) <u>1876</u>	(iv) <u>Alexander Bell</u>

	Place(s) of origin	Primary use or major influence
<b>Tool 1</b>	<sup>6</sup> Africa, China, North America	<sup>7</sup> announcing news, calling people to gather around (v) <u>drawing public attention to potential dangers</u>
<b>Tool 2</b>	(vi) <u>Athens, Greece</u>	<sup>8</sup> announcing the winner of the Olympic Games
<b>Tool 3</b>	<sup>9</sup> England	(vii) <u>enabling rapid global communication</u>
<b>Tool 4</b>	✗	<sup>10</sup> revolutionalising telecommunication