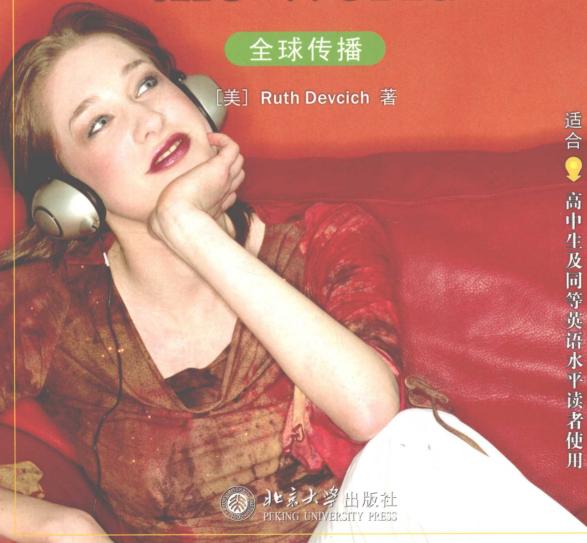


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cation

People have always found ways to communicate, or share information, over long distances. In the past, they used smoke signals, beacon fires, messengers, and even pigeons. These methods were slow, and sometimes messages did not get through. Today, telephone, radio, television, and the Internet make communication around the world quick and reliable.



Key Concepts · · · ·

- Different communication systems help people communicate in different ways and for different purposes.
- 2. Throughout history, people have used technology to develop new ways of communicating.
- 3. Communication systems can influence many aspects of people's lives.

阅读进阶词汇 aspect/'æspekt/ n.方面 reliable / rɪ'laɪəbəl/ adj.可靠的

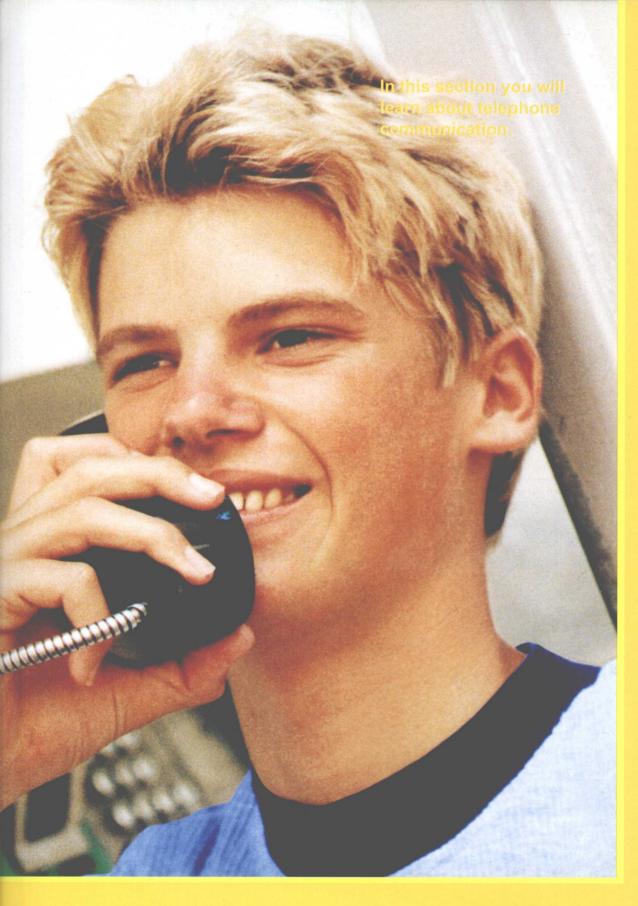
阅读参考词汇 beacon / bi:ken n.烽火

记忆词汇

adult /'ædʌlt/n.成年人 apart / ə'pɑ:t/ adv.分离着 communicate /kə'mju:nikeit/ n.交际,沟通 connect/kə'nekt/v.接通, 连接 form /fo:m/n.方式 improve / ɪm'pru:v/v.改善, 改进 influence / 'ɪnflʊəns / v.影响

information / infə mei [ən/ n.信息 keep in touch 保持联系 link/lɪŋk/n.联系 location / ləʊˈkeɪ[ən/n.地方 message / 'mesɪdʒ/n.讯息 network / 'netws:k/ n.网络, 网状系统 **purpose** / 'p3:pəs/ n.目的,意图 adj.不舒服的,不安的

receive /rɪ'si:v/ v.接到,接收 respond /rɪ'spɒnd/ v.回答, 响应 signal /'sɪgnl/ n.信号 space/speis/n.太空 system / sistəm/n.体系;系统 technology / tek'nplədʒi / n.技术 uncomfortable / An'k Amfatabal



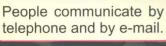


Pick up the telephone. Push a few buttons. Speak into the mouthpiece. Listen for a reply. With a telephone, you can talk to your friends across town. You can ask for information in a distant city. Telephones let you talk to people who are near and far.

Communication

Communication is the sharing of information. People communicate in many ways. We answer questions in class. We talk on the telephone. We send and **receive** e-mails. When we communicate, we may listen or speak. We may read or write. All these are **forms** of communication.







Ways of Communicating

People communicate in two ways. One way is called **personal communication**. The other is called **mass communication**.

Personal Communication

Personal Communication is one way of sending information. A person who talks or writes to another person is using personal communication. When you talk on the telephone, you use personal communication. When you send e-mails, you use personal communication.

In personal communication, two things happen. You receive information. You can also **respond** to the information you get.



Telephones are used for personal communication.

阅读进阶词汇

Mass communication
大众传播

Personal communication
人际传播

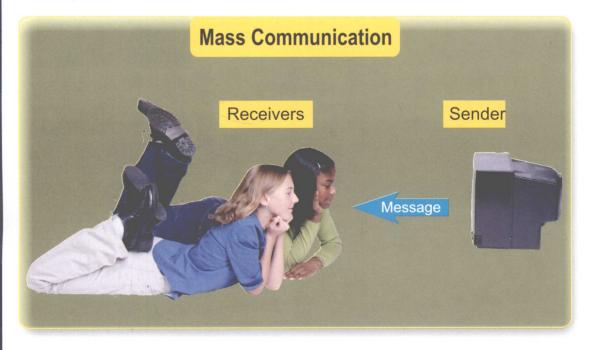


Mass Communication

The other way of sending information is called mass communication. The purpose of mass communication is to reach many people at once. Radio and television are forms of mass communication.

In mass communication, people can only hear and see information. They cannot respond, or talk back.







Key Concept 1 Different communication systems help people communicate in different ways and for different purposes.

Telephone Communication

The telephone is an important communication system. A communication system forms a **link** between people. This link allows people to share information.

The telephone is a personal communication system. It can link two or more people. By talking and listening, people can share information. When people talk, they give information. When people listen, they receive information.



Communication With Family and Friends

Families and friends often use the telephone to communicate. The telephone helps them **keep in touch** when they are far **apart.** People do not have to write letters. With a telephone, they can hear each other's voice.

People also use the telephone to communicate even when they live close to each other. Calling on the telephone is much faster and easier than visiting. People use the telephone to make plans, or just to say hello.

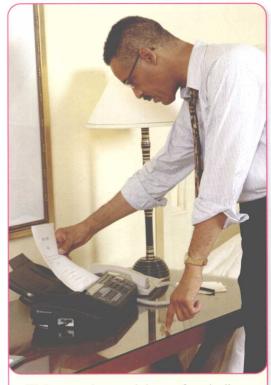


People can talk to friends and family who live far away.

Business Communication

People also use telephones to communicate in business. Before telephones, people had to wait many days for letters. Telephones allow people to send information quickly. Telephones **speed up** the way people do business.

Business people don't need to travel long distances to have a meeting. Instead, they can talk and share ideas by using the telephone. A **speakerphone** lets many people talk to each other at the same time. People can also send information on written pages through the phone lines. These messages are called facsimiles. They are sent using fax machines. "Fax" is a short form of *facsimile*.



This man is receiving a facsimile.

ge。 conference /'kpnfərəns/n.会议 speakerphone /'spi:kəfəun/n.免提电话 speed up 加速,促进



These people are using a speakerphone to have a **conference** They are talking with people at a different **location**.





Key Concept 2 Throughout history, people have used technology to develop new ways of communicating.

Technology and the Telephone

The telephone is an example of technology. New technology improves the way things are done. The telephone has **improved** the way people communicate.



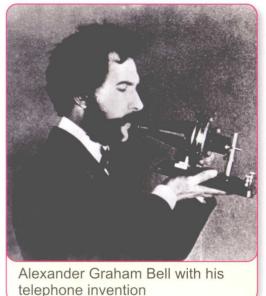
With new technology, telephones keep improving. Think of cordless telephones. These telephones do not need wires like older telephones. They are also easier to use.



The First Telephone

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876. At first, one telephone was **connected** to another by a wire. Soon the switchboard was invented. Then telephones were connected to the switchboard, not to each other. A person operating the switchboard would connect the calls

As technology developed, telephones
were able to connect people who were
farther apart. The first international call was made in 1891.
A person in London spoke with a person in Paris. Today,
it is easy to make calls to other countries.



阅读进阶词汇
operator
/'ppəreɪtə/
n. (电话) 接线员
阅读参考词汇
switchboard
/'swit∫bɔ:d/
n.电话交换台



Telephone switchboard operators at work

Cellular Telephones

In recent years, **cellular** telephones, or cell phones, have changed the way people keep in touch. Cell phones are not connected to wires. People can carry them around so they can communicate at any time.

The first cell phones were big and expensive. New technology has made cell phones smaller and cheaper to buy. Now, many people have cell phones.



阅读进阶词汇 cellular / 'seljʊlə/ adj.蜂窝的;细胞的



Cell phones have changed over the years.



New technology means telephones can now take photographs.



Key Concept 3 Communication systems can influence many aspects of people's lives.

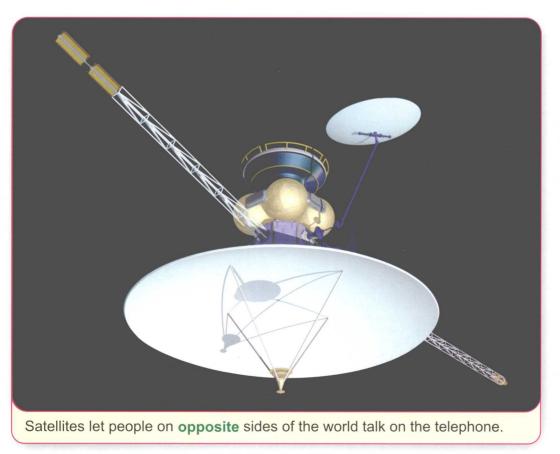
The Influence of the Telephone

Telephones are connected within countries by **networks**. Telephones are also connected by networks that reach all over the world.

阅读进阶词汇

opposite /'ppəzɪt/
adj.相对的,相反的
阅读参考词汇
cable /'keɪbəl/
n.电缆
satellite /'sətəlaɪt/
n.人造卫星

Telephone networks are able to work very quickly. This is because millions of telephone calls can travel along cables. Satellites also make communicating by telephone very fast. Satellites in **space** send thousands of telephone signals at the same time. It has become easy to communicate with people anywhere in the world.



Using the Telephone with Caution

The telephone connects us to many people around the world. But we must also be careful about *how* we use the telephone.

People and businesses often call homes. They want to collect information about what you think. They also want to sell products and services. When strangers call, you need to be careful. Always ask who is calling. Find out the reason for the call. Never give out personal information to strangers. Always tell your parents or another **adult** about any call that makes you **uncomfortable**.



Be careful who you talk to on the telephone.