WAYS OF COMMUNICATION

People have always wanted to keep in touch with each other. In the olden days when they had no written language, they used to make a fire and send smoke signals. They also sent messages in bottles by sea. Later they started using picture symbols both for magic and sending messages. To carry the message they used birds which delivered the message by air – it was much faster than by land.

Ships at sea usually sent messages to each other with flags and later – by means of a special code – the Morse code.

When written languages appeared, it was easy to write a message but still difficult to deliver it. To deliver mail people used horses, and later – trains, then planes. Radio, telegraph and telephone made people really happy. They could communicate much faster then.

People also used to send letters to their relatives and faraway friends. To send a letter you should buy an envelope and a stamp. Then stick a stamp on the envelope. When the letter is written, put it into the envelope and seal it. Then you have to post it. You can go to the post-office or to the nearest letter-box. Postal workers collect mail from the letter-boxes, sort it and deliver it.

At the end of the 20th century e-mail appeared and began to take the place of ‘snail mail’. If you are really sociable, you must have a computer. You can chat on the Internet with your friends from faraway places in real time.

So, there are so many different ways of communicating- of keeping in touch. I think that e-mail and telephone are the most modern and the quickest ways of communication.