

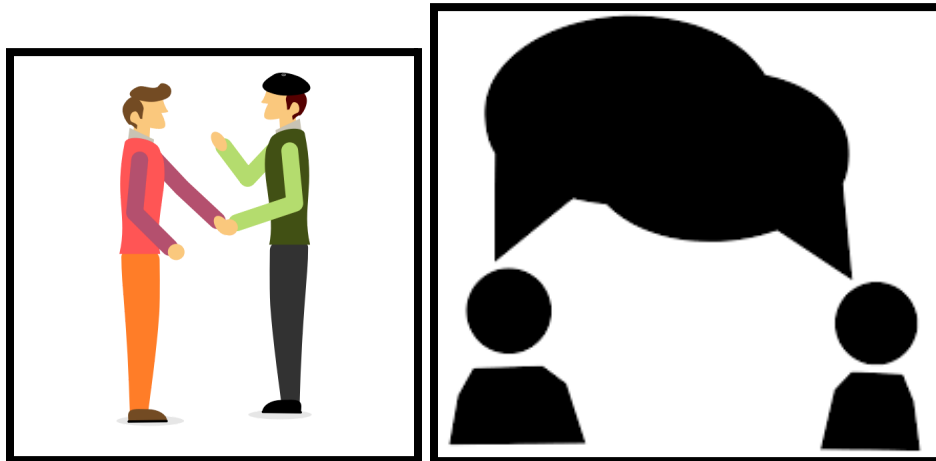
Is communication always about what you say?

Read more to understand the answer to this question!

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What *is* communication?

According to the Oxford Dictionary communication is the “means of sending or receiving information, such as phone lines or computers.” In other words, when people communicate, they transfer information that can be visual or written between one another.



How to use this article

This document is meant to be skimmed through and has the fluctuability (define: the ability or capability to change ; ability to differ.) to bounce around between sections. At the end of the document, there is frequently asked question portion and challenge activity in order to further one's understanding based on communication.

How communication has changed me...

As a student, I enjoy talking and I've always wondered how communication can change the way we learn. When I was younger, I was very shy but as I've grown, I've learned

how communicating feelings is beneficial to learning. Throughout my younger years in elementary school, I didn't really talk to the teacher. I wasn't exactly clueless but I wouldn't ask questions when I needed to. I wasn't particularly ashamed; I most likely felt confined to speaking. Since I was so shy, I didn't have the urge to go up to teachers and ask them questions when I needed help.

With communication in play, as I got older and curriculums got harder, I didn't really understand what I was doing. My parents kept pushing me to ask teachers how to do the work but since I was so introverted and I kept to myself so often, it was hard to branch out to teachers. When I began to learn how to speak with teachers while building friendly relationships, my grades benefited. I knew what I had to be doing if I had just spoken or asked one question. Communicating the way I felt about courses helped me learn.

Communication to Earth? Are you listening?

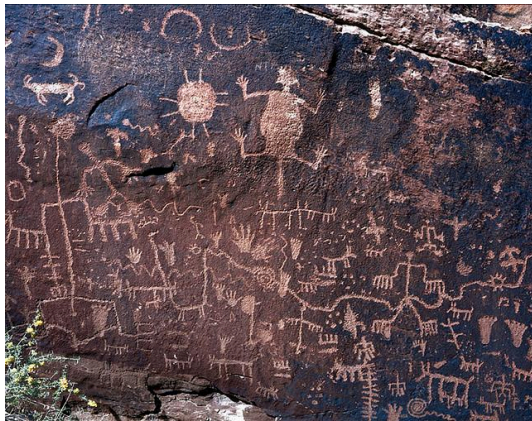
Communication can connect to Earth day because we communicate how we feel in order to save the Earth. We need to speak and sign the ways we will save the Earth. If we don't communicate, it can be near impossible to say how we can change the Earth. For example, sometimes, one might need to tell their friend to throw garbage in the trash, that's an example of communication. Without communication, working with Earth Day would be a challenge. People may not be able to speak or show the way the Earth is suffering. Without knowing how the Earth is struggling, it'll be very hard to help rebuild the problem we face.

The urge to communicate

From when communication started, homo sapiens had the urge to figure out how to associate with each other. We've been trying to communicate since the dawn of time and since there was no language at the time, we started off using images and progressed further from there. (For this section, images are above the context.)



Cave paintings: Paintings in caves



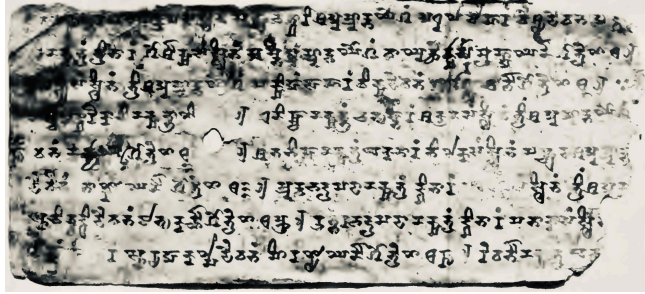
Petroglyphs: Drawings carved into rocks



Pictograms: Symbols and illustrations to represent something



Ideograms: Graphic symbols that represent an idea. (Basically the same thing as pictograms except there's a difference in the relationship between the symbol and the image it represents.)



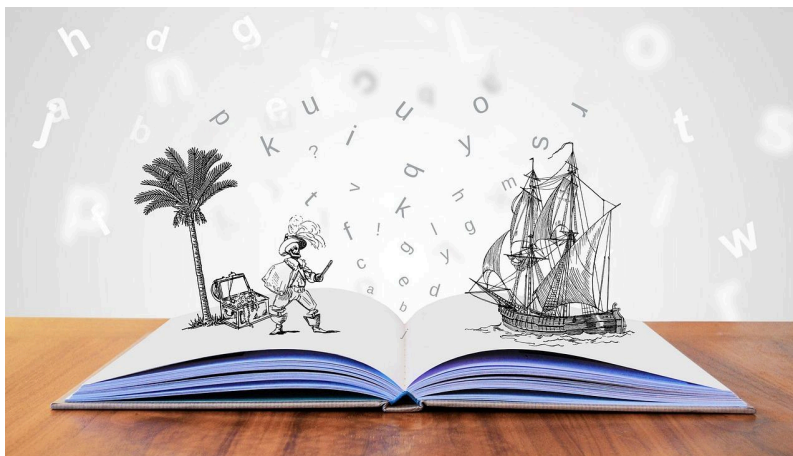
Early scripts

Clay and reeds were the first writing materials. From symbols, Sumerians began to carve symbols into clay and considered it a new language.

Alphabets

“Egyptian writing had a set of some 22 hieroglyphs to represent syllables that begin with a single consonant of their language, plus a vowel (or no vowel) to be supplied by the native speaker.”

Egyptians were one of the first people to develop a language however the first couple of languages consisted of Egyptian, Sanskrit and Greek.

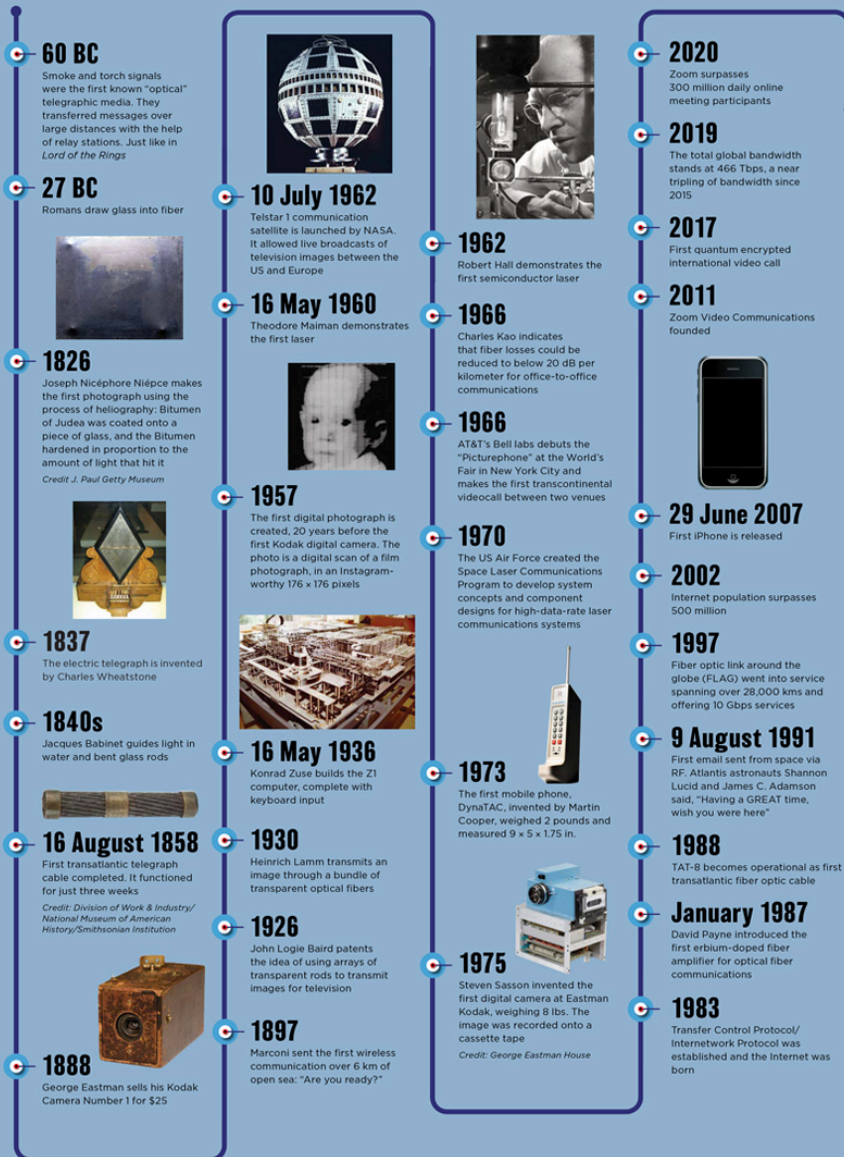


Story telling

People began to tell stories 30,000 years ago. The introduction of verbal communication helped develop songs, poems, chants, and many more things.

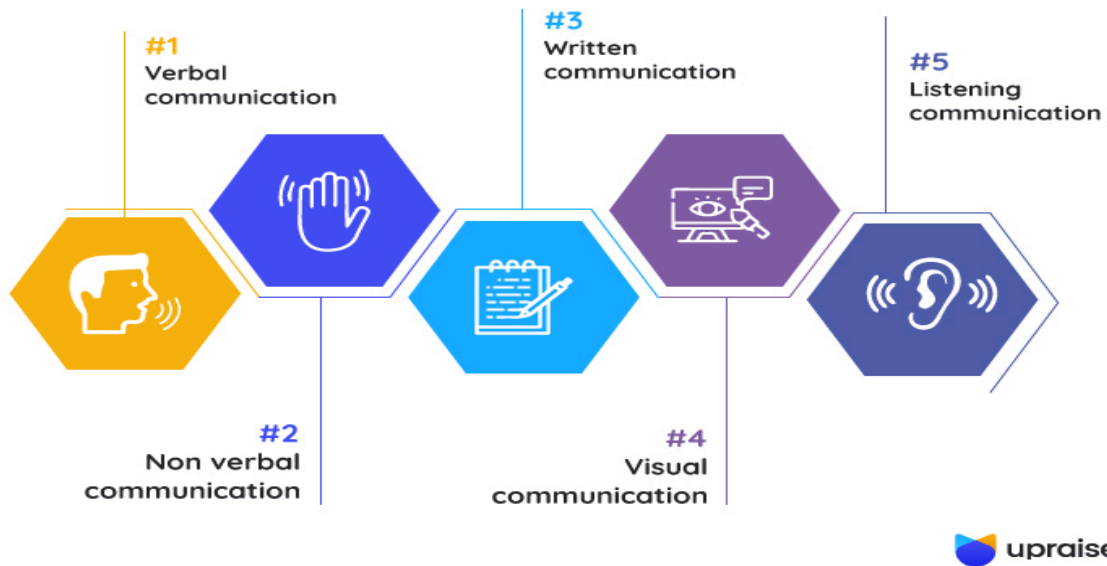
A Timeline of COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Since early history, humans have relied on technology to increase the speed and ease of communication.



Here's a brief insight of communication technology from the dawn of time and it continuing to develop to the present era.

5 Forms of Communication at Workplace



Different types of communication?

Verbal: Speaking to someone face to face or through the phone.

Non-verbal: Facial expressions

Written: The alphabet

Visual: American sign language is used to guide deaf people. Since they can't hear, that's their way of communicating. I.e: using picture

Listening: When someone is talking, other people are listening to what is being said.

Here are some people who have made a big difference in communication



Helen Keller was a deaf and blind woman who advocated for people with disabilities. She is stated to be the most influential deaf and blind person to live in the world. “Keller learned the manual alphabet and could communicate by finger spelling.” She succeeded in effective communication with the seeing and hearing world as the first blind-deaf person.



Greta Thunberg is a young woman and activist born in Stockholm, Sweden. In 2018, Thunberg began to form protests in order to show how climate change has affected humans. To many people, she brought up logical points on how there was no other planet to live on beside Earth. Scientists could not just magically create planets or find a random new place to live. We had to live what we have and find a way in order to make our environment safe. As a young leader, she would skip school days to show people we needed to change the way we live.

She protested in many countries during 2018 and the younger generation followed along. This connects to communication because verbally and physically, she was expressing actions speak louder than words. With her protesting, she caused an impact on the generation and also gave reasoning to why we should save our home.



Kid President, also known as Robby Novak was about 9 when he first started his YouTube channel which influenced many young kids to be better people. His idea was to create a communication where everyone could be able to agree with each other and make the world a better place. The whole meaning behind the role and the channel was creating the ability for young kids to make the world better. It was to make the place we live in tolerable and positive and for the most part helping young kids learn from past mistakes.



Claudette Colvin (The first person to protest segregation on buses). When Claudette was just 15 years old, she began to not give up her seat when a white woman requested it. Before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, Claudette Colvin decided she did not want to give her seat up. She was initially the first person to try and stop segregation in transportation. Committing this action is very important to communication because Claudette silently communicated she disagreed with the way communities were being segregated.

Language Interpreters: People who are language interpreters and very important to today's society. With many people with different disabilities and families that speak different languages, it is important to translate information. If someone who is deaf is trying to communicate with someone, they will use sign language. This is a useful way of voicing themselves and opinions. If someone cannot communicate, they cannot show who they truly are. This also goes for families who speak different languages.

Let's talk more about communication

Where would humans have been without communication?

Research: Without communication, the result would be mass chaos and no progress within the humane society. Without progression, the world would not be anything what it is like today. Technology and other important inventions wouldn't have existed; communication fuels teamwork and teamwork created new inventions.

Does communication always change our points of views?

Research: Communication won't always help change someone's point of view. Occasionally, speaking with people and expressing feelings and emotions will help someone's point of view better develop. This is not always the case since communication can express how people may truly feel and the way some truly feel wouldn't change someone else's perspective. Communication can change people's perspectives in positive and negative ways but it cannot always contort the way someone thinks.

What can clear communication change?

Research: Communication can begin to help people express ideas. If we (humans) are able to express more ideas, it'll be easier to create new technology and advance our society. Though the open AI response was very obvious, I wouldn't have really thought of all of those things unless I sat down for an hour.

How can clear communication change the media?

Research: With the media, communication is being changed. With screen time rising by the year, people are more likely to receive ads for things they enjoy. The article linked states, "Numerous platforms also mean there are many more ways advertisers can reach consumers." With media, companies are able to aim more towards an individual's interest which is different from past times. When newspapers were around, everyone would have the same interests since there was no particular interest one person had. The media instead, is changing communication because of the consumption of it daily.

Questions for you to discuss with friends

- * How can communication affect us? (Negative and positives)
- * Does communication change the way society is?
- * How can communication cause disputes?

Let's hear your approach

Now that you've look through this document, I'm curious how you'd do it

Try: How can you communicate without language? Try communicating with a friend without speaking or writing?

Reflect: What was it like communicating with a friend? What did you do? What was easy and what was hard about it?

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Reflect: Where do you think we would be without communication?

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Your reflection

What was brainstorming like? How did you come up with your idea? What inspired your thoughts?

My reflection

All in all, throughout this document, communication isn't always about what you say. It's more how you say something rather than just saying something. The development of thoughts and placing them out into the world is more important than communications all together. Without mindful ways of putting a thought, communications wouldn't be what it is because the development makes it what it is. The way the words are pushed out helps another person understand your thoughts.

Links:

I decided to use these links since they are peer reviewed and background checked preventing misleading information from being spread.

<https://upraise.io/blog/types-of-communication-workplace/#>

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