

Means of Communication

People have always communicated with each other, even when they didn't have a spoken language using a body or sign language. Later they used signal fires and war drums to send messages of possible danger for long distances. With the development of civilization new forms of communication were invented. When a written speech appeared and people started putting down important historical facts, they used writing for sending messages to each other, and as a fact for long-distance communication people began using letters. Only in the 20th century they were replaced by e-mails and SMSs. But communication through letters took a lot of time to exchange the latest news. Time passed and communication became easier and more convenient due to the invention of the phone. A new era of people's communication began with the invention of the computer and, consequently, the Internet. Modern means of communication have made the distance between people unimportant. The Internet broadens our ability to communicate, enriches your knowledge, and entertains us. E-mails flood you with all kind of information and connect you with your friends all over the world. People are looking in cyber-space for new ways of self-expression, chats congregate likeminded people giving them a chance to communicate. But with our fast life-style we have less time to meet our relatives and friends and modern technology proposes a new craze for grown-ups and children – mobile phones. Everybody today owns at least a basic mobile phone and the latest models have more advanced features. Mobile phones have definitely become the most vital part of our life; they keep you connected round the clock. They are not very expensive and performing their main function as phones, they can be equipped with almost every latest feature you desire: you can install different reference books, cameras, connect to the Internet. A technologically advanced mobile phone can perform as many tasks as that of a personal computer. Nevertheless, computers, phones and mobile phones are a social medium, which serve the function of people's communication. For sure, science and technology go ahead and soon new means of socializing will be invented, but none of them can replace real everyday communication.