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Messages through time

THERE were no phones, emails or internet in the past. Sending a message to someone far away could take days, weeks, or even months!



It's been so long since I've last written a letter.

Of course! You're always texting!



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Sending messages in the past

A CROSS the world, many clever ways have been used to deliver messages. Some methods were fast for their time, while others were slow but reliable.

Messengers on foot and horse

IN many Western countries, messengers would run or ride horses to carry letters. Kings and leaders trusted these messengers to deliver important news. In ancient China and other Eastern regions, official **couriers** also travelled long distances using horses and special roads. These systems helped governments stay **connected** across large lands.



Signals, birds and early technology

PEOPLE also used signals like smoke, drums, or flags to send simple messages quickly. In some places, trained **pigeons** carried tiny notes tied to their legs across long distances. Over time, new inventions changed communication. The **telegraph**, and later the telephone, allowed messages to travel much faster than before.

Today, sending a message takes just seconds. We can use phones, tablets, and computers to talk to people far away. Even though communication is very convenient now, it is important to remain respectful to each other. Sending kind messages, and thinking before we share are all important skills for communicating today.

Secret messages and clever tricks

SOMETIMES messages needed to stay secret, especially during wars. People hid notes in unusual places. In both Eastern and Western cultures, messages were sometimes hidden inside food like bread or dumplings! This made it harder for **enemies** to find them. **Invisible** ink was sometimes used to protect important information.



Think about the person you're writing to. It makes them feel cared for!

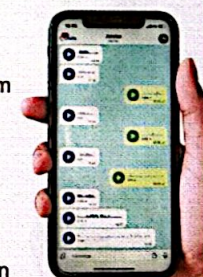


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Which of these cannot be used to send messages?

- A** Instagram
- B** TikTok
- C** Television



Answers on P12



courier (n)
送信の人

connect (v)
連接

enemy (n)
敵人



invisible (adj)
看不見的

pigeon (n)
鴿子

telegraph (n)
電報