

Spreading the Word!

There are many ways to communicate. Some are old, some are no longer used, and some are new.

Long ago

Long ago, if you wanted to invite friends to your party, you would go over to their house and deliver the invitation **by hand** . . . or send an invitation **in the mail**.



1840s

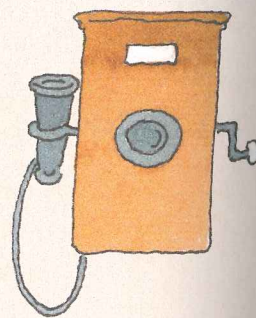
Starting in 1843, you could send your invitation **by telegraph**. The telegraph used Morse code to send messages. Morse code is an alphabet of dots and dashes that stand for individual letters. Telegraph operators translated Morse code into words.

1860s

Long before Federal Express, there was the **Pony Express**. The Pony Express was a special mail service that began in April 1860 and ended in October 1861. Brave riders rode their horses from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California. If you and your friends lived along the route, you could send an invitation by Pony Express.

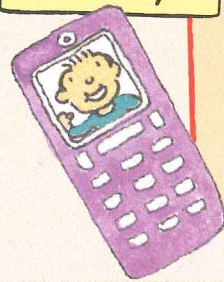
1900s

By the early 1900s, you could **telephone** friends to invite them to your party. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876.

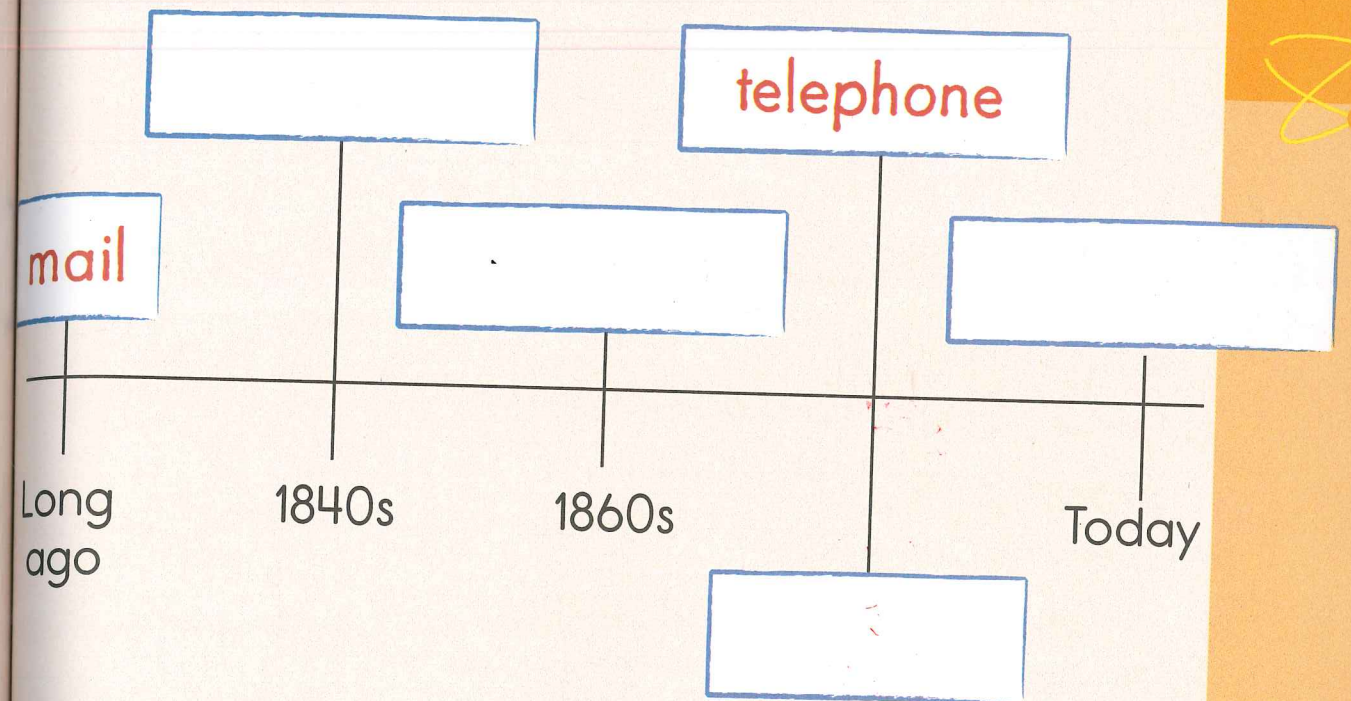


Today

Now you can use a **cell phone** to tell your friends about your party with a call, text, or photo. The first cell phone call was made in 1975.



Fill in the blanks on the **time line**.



How do you think people will communicate in the future?

Describe and draw your "communication invention" of the future.
