

Alexander Graham Bell

A long time ago, people could only send messages by letters or by speaking *in person. Talking to someone far away was very difficult and slow. Sometimes letters took many days or even weeks to arrive. People wanted a new way to communicate faster and easier. A man invented it and it changed the world a lot.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell invented the first telephone. This *invention allowed people to talk to each other even if they were far *apart. The first telephone was very simple and had only two parts. One is for speaking and one is for listening. It was a new idea that changed communication forever.

At first, not many people used telephones. They were expensive, and wires had to connect houses. Only rich families or businesses could use them. *Slowly, telephone networks grew, and more people could have telephones in their homes. This made life easier because people could share news quickly and stay in touch with friends and family.

Today, telephones are everywhere. Mobile phones let people talk, send messages, take photos, and use the internet. They are small, light, and easy to carry. Technology has changed communication very much since Bell's time. Now people can connect across the world *in seconds. Telephones are not only tools for talking. They are part of daily life, work, and study. People use them to learn, to shop, and to enjoy music or videos. From Bell's first invention to modern smartphones, telephones have always helped people stay connected.

*in person	対面して
*invention	発明品
*apart	離れて
*slowly	徐々に
*in seconds	すぐに

Q1. How did people send messages a long time ago?

- (1) By letters or speaking in person.
- (2) By mobile phones and emails.
- (3) By video calls across the world.
- (4) By using internet everywhere.

Q2. What did Alexander Graham Bell invent in 1876?

- (1) The first computer.
- (2) A machine for sending photos.
- (3) A new kind of letter.
- (4) The first telephone.

Q3. Why did not many people use telephones at first?

- (1) They were too small to use.
- (2) They could only send photos, not words.
- (3) They were expensive and needed wires.
- (4) They were only used by teachers and students.

Q4. What can mobile phones do today?

- (1) Only talk to people far away.
- (2) Talk and use the internet.
- (3) Connect houses with wires.
- (4) Share news slowly like letters.

Q5. What is this story about?

- (1) The invention and importance of telephones.
- (2) How to write letters faster.
- (3) A famous inventor of computers.
- (4) The history of music and videos.

Q1. (1)

Q2. (4)

Q3. (3)

Q4. (2)

Q5. (1)

日本語訳

アレクサンダー・グラハム・ベル

昔々、人々は手紙か直接会って話すことでしかメッセージを送ることができませんでした。遠く離れた人と話すのは非常に困難で時間がかかり、手紙が届くまでに何日も、あるいは何週間もかかることもありました。人々はより速く、より簡単にコミュニケーションをとる新しい方法を求めています。ある男性がそれを発明し、世界を大きく変えました。

1876 年、アレクサンダー・グラハム・ベルは最初の電話を発明しました。この発明により、人々は遠く離れていても会話できるようになりました。最初の電話は非常にシンプルで、話すための部分と聞くための部分の 2 つしかありませんでした。それはコミュニケーションを永遠に変える新しいアイデアでした。

当初、電話を使う人は多くありませんでした。電話は高価で、各家を結ぶ電線が必要でした。裕福な家庭や企業だけが電話を使うことができました。徐々に電話網が拡大し、より多くの人々が自宅に電話を持つようになりました。これにより、人々はニュースを素早く共有したり、友人や家族と連絡を取り合ったりできるようになり、生活が便利になりました。

今日、電話はどこにでもあります。携帯電話を使えば、通話、メッセージの送信、写真撮影、インターネットの利用が可能です。小さく、軽く、持ち運びも簡単です。ベルの時代から、テクノロジーはコミュニケーションを大きく変えました。今や人々は世界中の人々と数秒でつながることができます。電話は単なる通話ツールではありません。日常生活、仕事、そして勉強に欠かせない存在です。人々は学習、買い物、音楽や動画を楽しむために電話を使っています。ベルの最初の発明から現代のスマートフォンに至るまで、電話は常に人々の繋がりを支えてきました。