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COMMUNICATION IN INDIA: OLD VERSUS NEW

CHAPTER 10









What came before smartphones? Let us see how people communicated in the past and how they do talk now.

TELEPHONES versus SMARTPHONES



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This is a rotary phone. You have to "rotate" the dial at the centre to dial each number!

TELEPHONES versus SMARTPHONES



This is a landline phone. How many of you have seen this phone? And how many of you have used this phone?

TELEPHONES versus SMARTPHONES





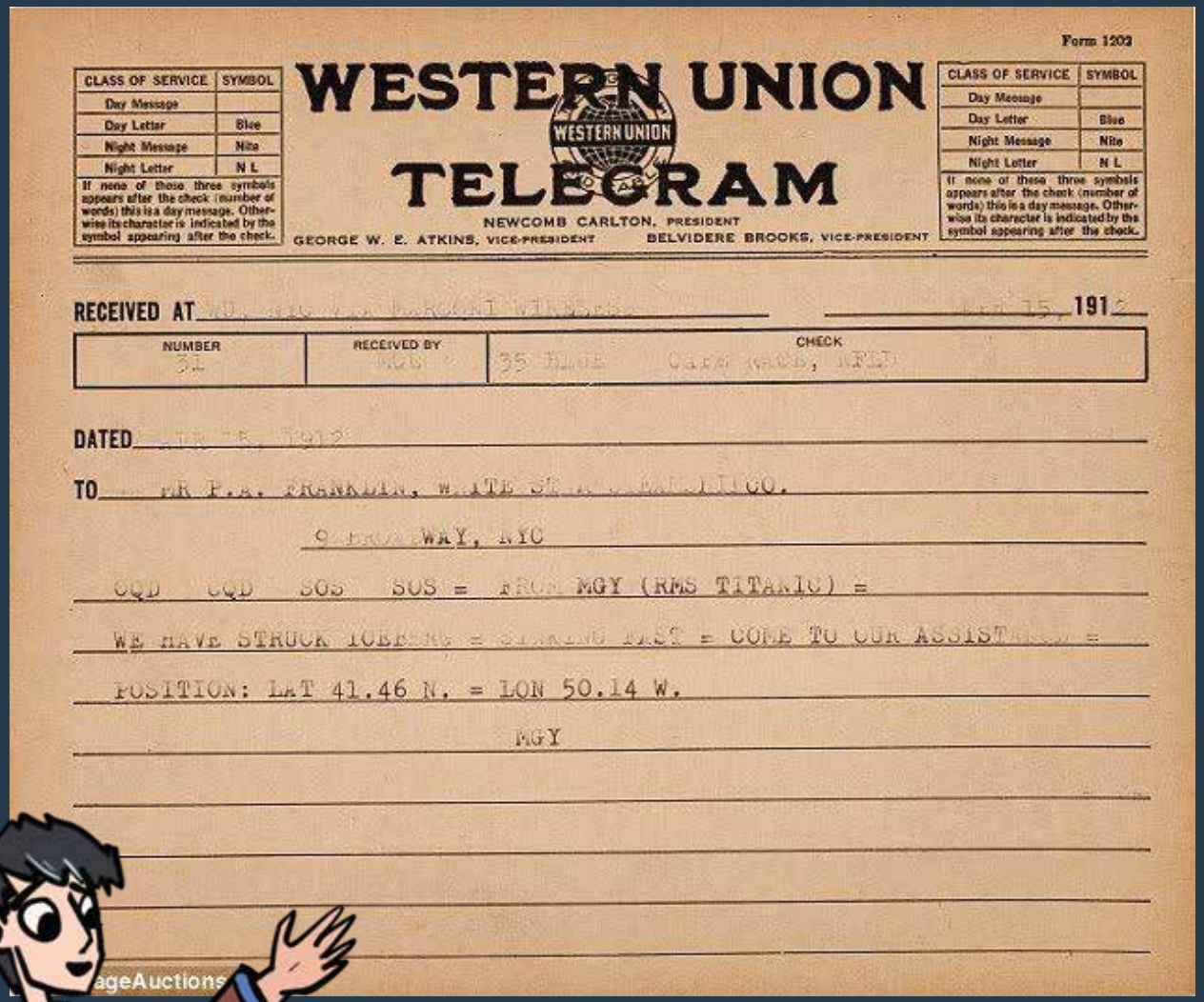
Then came mobile phones which allowed you to make a phone call from anywhere in the world without wires and big phone booths.

TELEPHONES versus SMARTPHONES



Hello, smartphones!

TELEGRAM versus TEXT MESSAGES



Form 1202

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT
GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

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RECEIVED AT [illegible] 1912

NUMBER	RECEIVED BY	CHECK
31	[illegible]	35 BLUE [illegible]

DATED [illegible] 1912

TO [illegible] P.A. FRANKLIN, WHITE ST [illegible] CO.

9 BROADWAY, NYC

CQD CQD SOS SOS = FROM MGY (RMS TITANIC) =

WE HAVE STRUCK ICEBERG = SINKING FAST = COME TO OUR ASSIST[illegible] =

POSITION: LAT 41.46 N. = LON 50.14 W.

MGY

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Telegrams were short messages delivered by hand. They were sent via the telegraph system.

Telegrams were used in India for 163 years. Then with modern technology, people switched to sending text messages on phones.

TELEGRAM versus TEXT MESSAGES

How did the telegraph system work?

- **Sending the message**: People wrote short messages at a telegraph office. The operator turned the message into Morse code (dots and dashes). The operator then sent it through telegraph wires. They were built under the sea.
- **Receiving the message**: Another operator translated the Morse code back into words. The message (card) was delivered to the recipient by hand.
- **Why it was fast**: Messages travelled through electric wires. They crossed continents in hours. It was much faster than letters sent via post.

Fun Fact:
You paid for a telegram based on the number of words. So, people used short words to save money. For example, they would write "URGNT" for urgent!

TELEGRAM versus TEXT MESSAGES

International Morse Code

A	·–	N	–·
B	–···	O	–––
C	·–·–·	P	·––·
D	–··	Q	––·–
E	·	R	·–·
F	··–·	S	···
G	––·	T	–
H	····	U	··–
I	··	V	···–
J	·–––	W	·––
K	–·–	X	–··–
L	·–··	Y	–·––
M	––	Z	––··



This is the Morse code used in telegrams.

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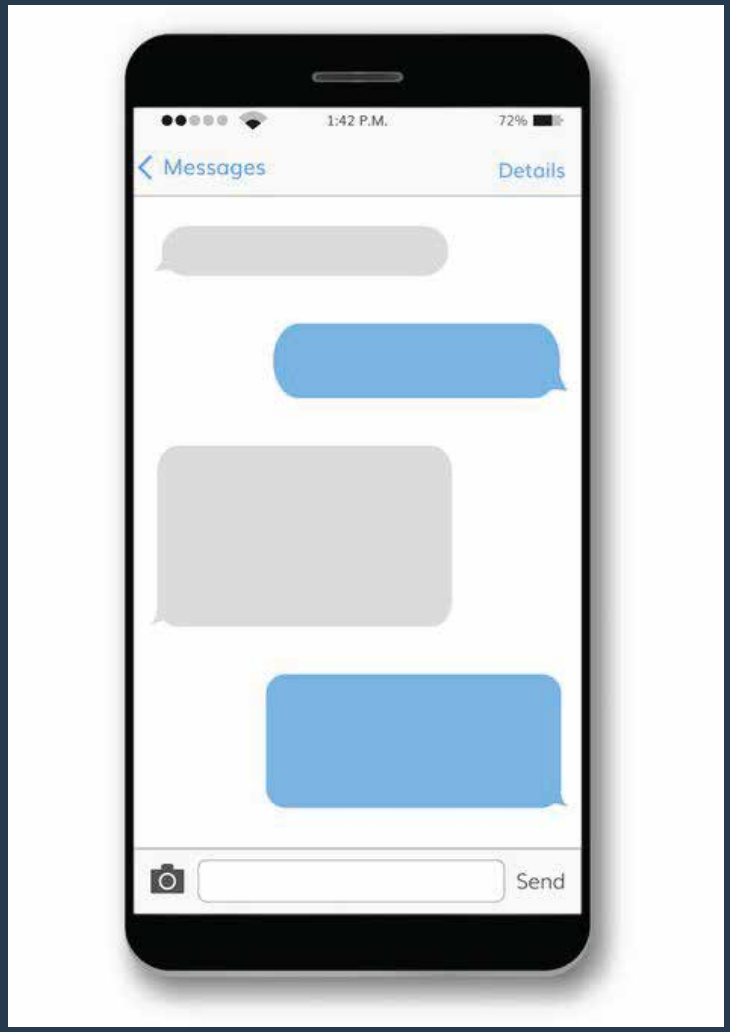
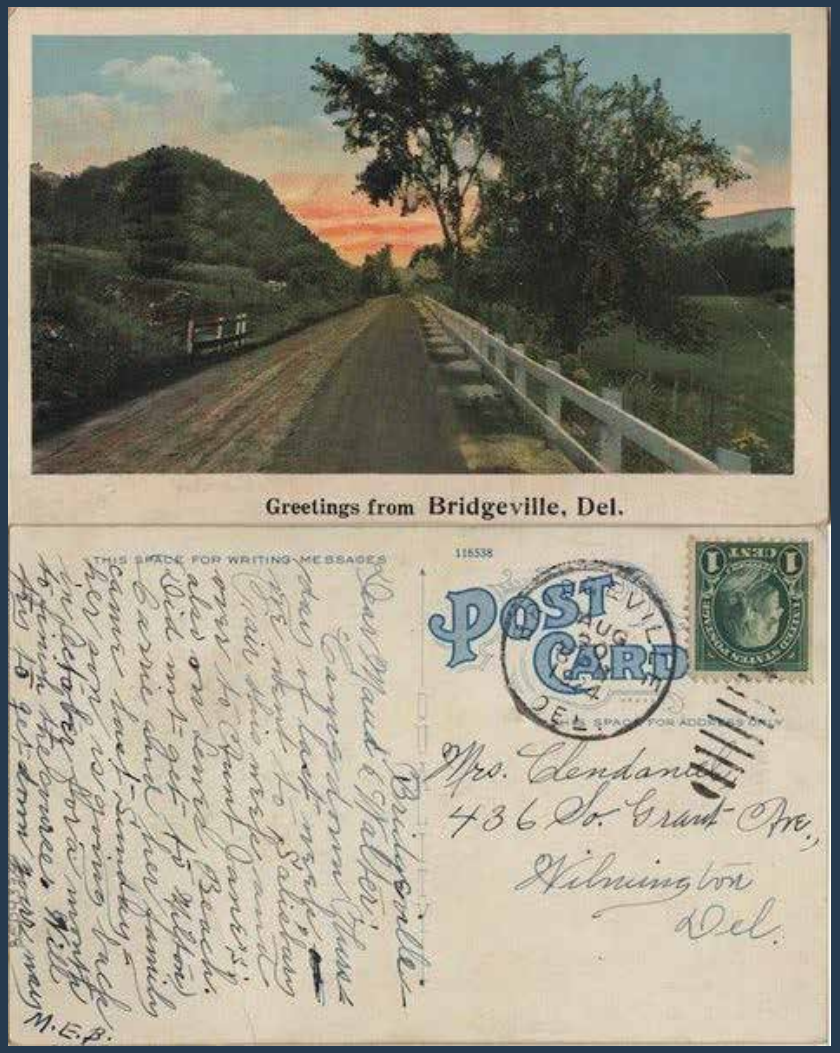


Most of the world now communicates with text messages. They reach the other person within seconds.

POSTCARDS versus EMAIL





Postcards were written by hand and sent via the postal system. People dropped letters into the red postbox and postmen delivered them.

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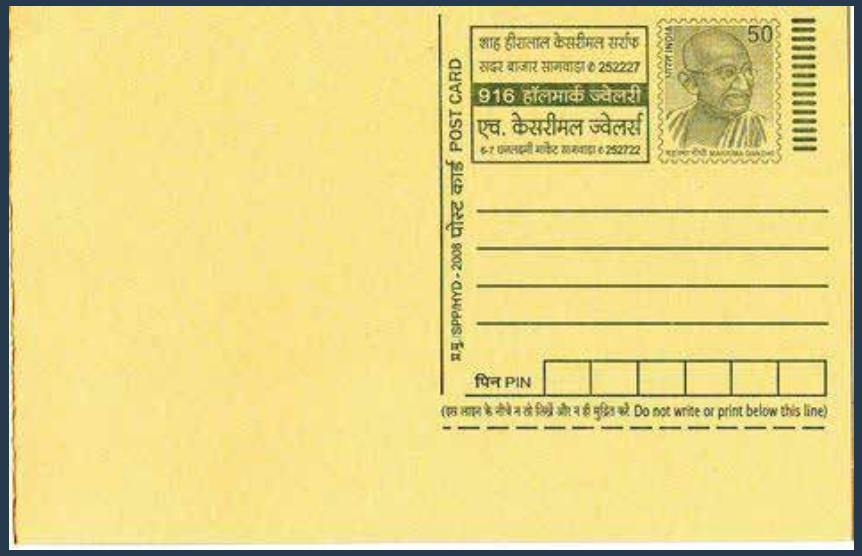

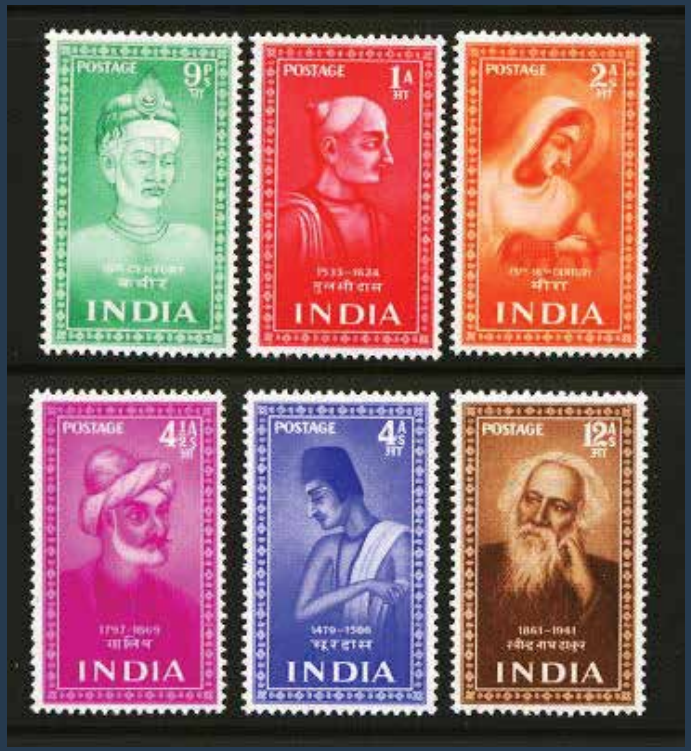

These are postage stamps. You have to stick them on the envelope of your letter.

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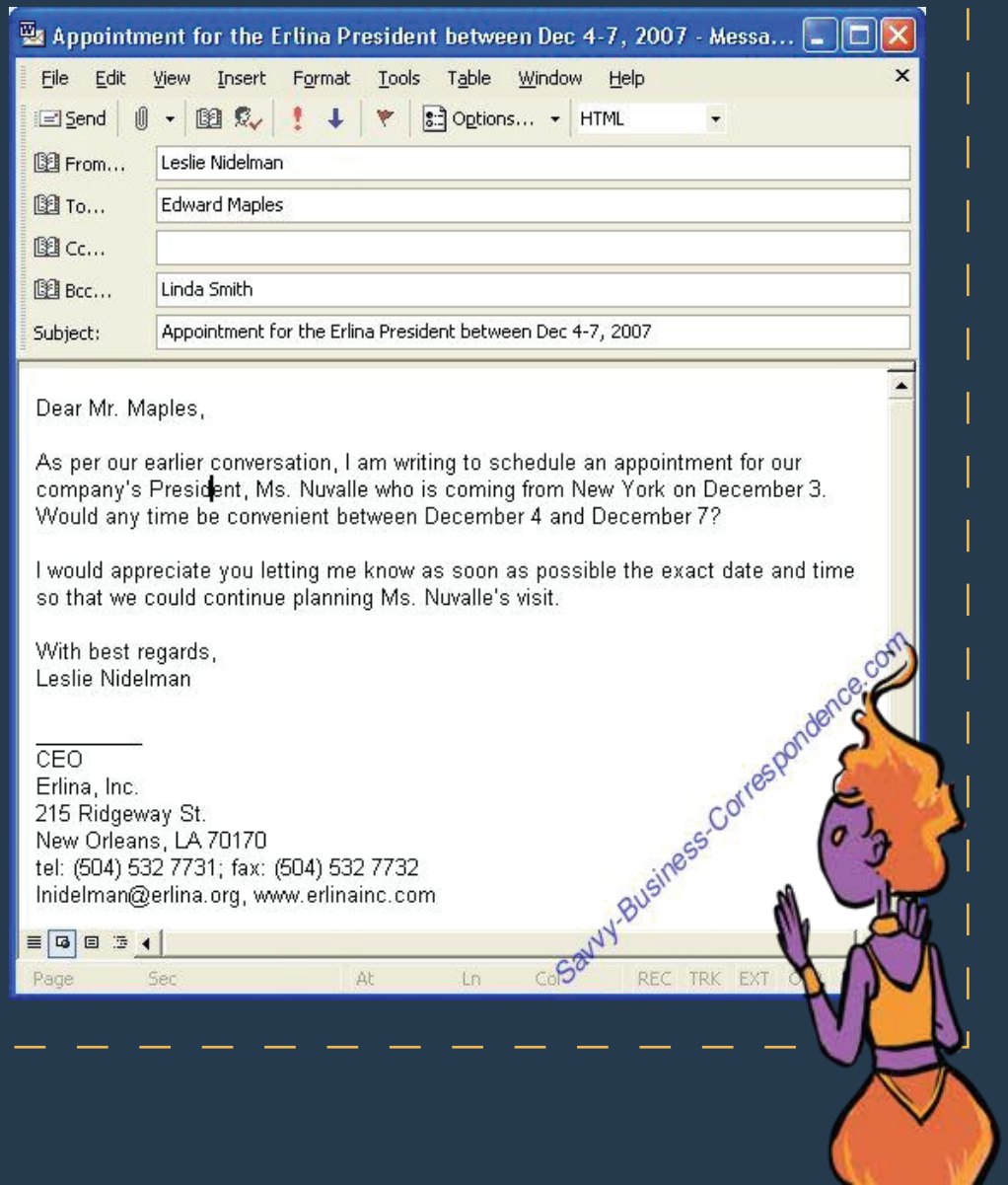

Emails are typed on a computer. They get sent to the recipient (receiver of the email) within seconds. Emails are sent and received via the internet.

Internet is a type of network. It connects many computers to each other!