

Mega Goal 1.2

Unit 3

You've Got Mail

Reading



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Lesson Objectives

01

Describe

The pictures using their own words

03

Complete

some sentences about reading

02

Read

the passage for specific information

04

Discuss

the most common and effective ways of communication



Warm up



Mountaintop signals by shouting



Smoke from fire to transmit messages



Tower signals



Drums Signals



Letters



Telegraph



What do you think our lesson will be about??

It will be about communication means today and, in the past,



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Before Reading

Scan the passage to find all the sentences talk about the different means of communication

a chain of fires on mountaintops

smoke from fires to transmit messages

drum talk;

signal towers that people shouted from

by letter

telegraph

email

telephone



[illegible]A stack of colorful flashcards. The top card is yellow and has the text "Flash Cards" written on it in a black, handwritten-style font. Below it, several other cards in various colors (blue, green, red, purple) are visible, fanned out.

What do the following words mean ?

parallel

dialect

simulate

nonsense



widespread

revolution

sites

drum



Read and Listen

FROM SMOKE SIGNALS

to **Email:** Keeping in Touch



From the Stone Age to the present, people have shown a desire to send messages to one another over long distances.

In ancient times, according to one story, a chain of fires on mountaintops was used to relate the news of the fall of Troy to people in Greece. In the past, native people in the Americas used smoke from fires to transmit messages. They developed a code—in which certain combinations of smoke rising had special meanings. For example, two parallel columns of smoke indicated the successful return of a war party.

The ancient Greeks established lines of signal towers at mountain-tops. At each one, a large fire was lit to transmit a signal to the next tower, and in this way, information was passed on through the land. Also, almost anything that makes a noise has been used for signaling. A kind of drum talk is still used in Central Africa today, although few who are not natives have been able to understand it. The sender uses a drum that can produce a high or low tone. Because the local dialect alternates in these tones, the sender is able to simulate speech with the drums.

In modern times, people have communicated by letter, telegraph, and telephone. But no one method has become as widespread as quickly as the use of email. The first email message took place in 1971, and according to its sender, Ray Tomlinson, it was probably the following: "QWERTYUIOP." What was significant about that? Nothing, really. This is just the top row of keys on an English-language keyboard. Tomlinson was just testing out the system and using a nonsense message. He had no concept that he was going to start a revolution in communication.

Tomlinson was one of a group of scientists who were working on developing better computers. The scientists at his site were able to send a message to a "mailbox" on the computer on their site. Other scientists could view the messages in the mailbox. But there were other computers at other sites where scientists were working on the same project. Tomlinson's idea was to figure out a way to deliver messages to mailboxes on those remote computers. He used the @ sign to identify messages that were headed out of the local machine to the more distant ones. That was the start of the emailing systems that we still use today.

At first, the number of people on email was small, but by the end of the 20th century, there were 263 million email boxes. In the 21st century, that figure has grown to over 2 billion, and the functions of email services in the future will become more and more diversified. And text messaging on cell phones is also increasing, so people can, in effect, be in constant touch with people who are long distances away.

What is the title of the passage?

How many paragraphs are there?

How many photos are there ?

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1

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What was used in Greece to relate the news of the fall of Troy?

1

What did native people in the Americas use to transmit messages ?

2

What did native people developed ?

3



Paragraph 2



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What did the ancient Greeks establish ?

1

What was the idea of signal towers ?

2

How does people (native) use the drums in central Africa ?

3



Paragraph 3

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How have people communicated in modern times ?

1

When did the first email take place ?

2

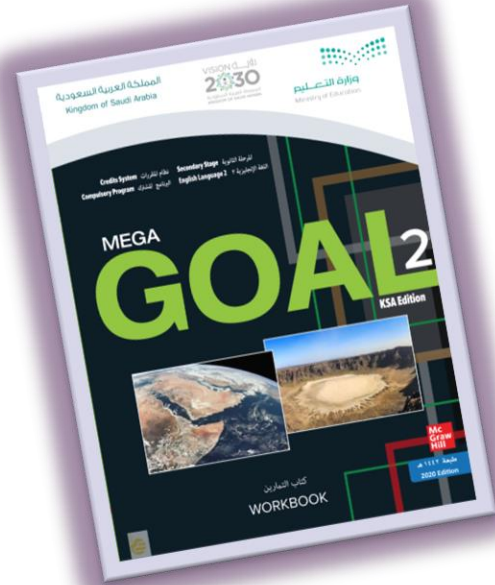
What is the meaning of these letters " QWERTYUIOP " ?

3



After Reading

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Complete the following about the reading

1. People have shown a need to communicate with one another since **the stone Age**
2. When Native Americans saw two columns of smoke **they knew that a war party was returning and that it was successful**
3. Although drums are used in Central Africa to communicate messages, only a few non-natives **can understand the drum language**
4. When Tomlinson sent his first message, he wasn't thinking of **starting a revolution in communication**
5. Although email only began in the 1970s, by the end of the 20th century, **there were 263 million email boxes**
6. Nowadays, millions of people are used to **being in constant touch with people who are long distances away**



The stone age



starting a revolution in communication



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there were 263 million email boxes

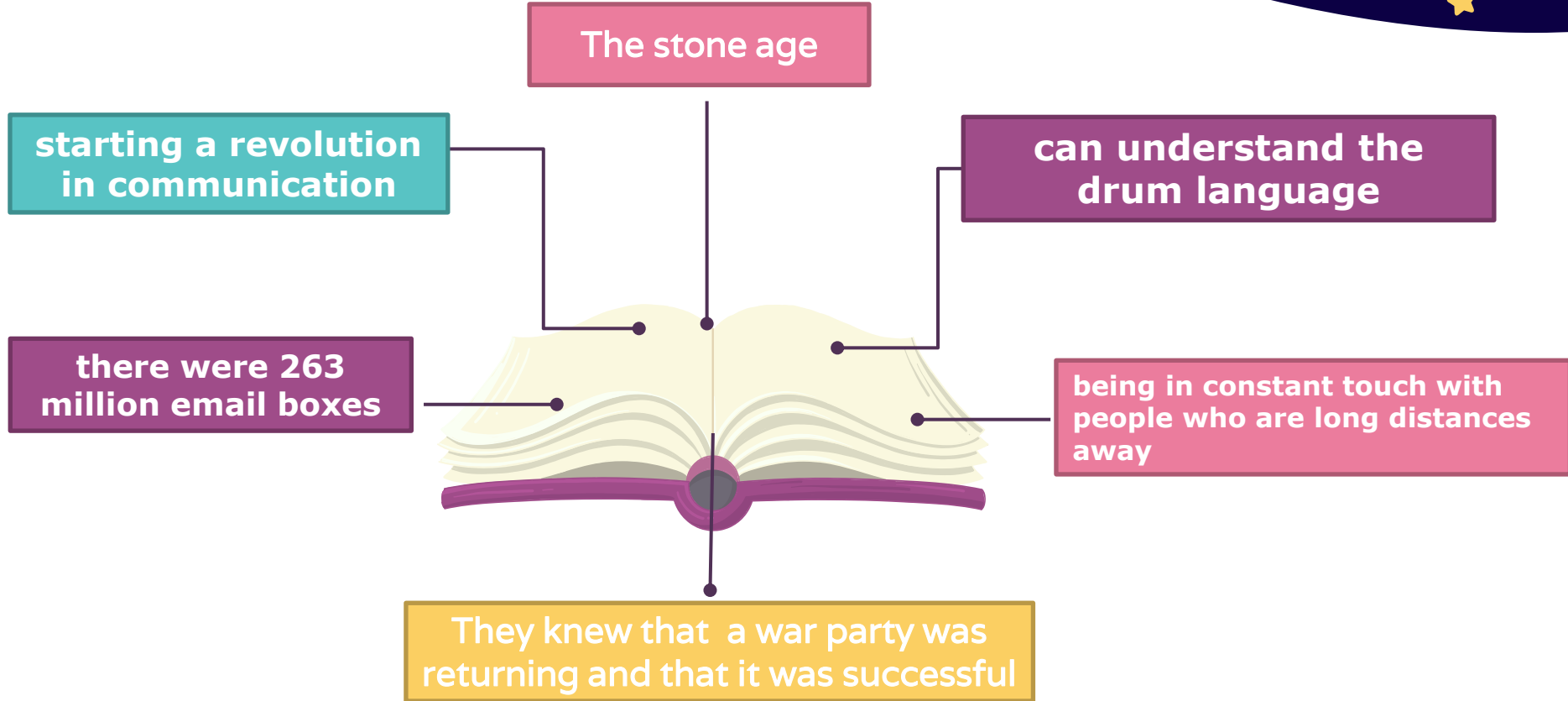


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After Reading



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Discussion

1. Think about how you communicate with different people.
2. Work in groups. Make notes in the chart below.
3. Use your notes to talk about communication in class.
4. Which are the most common and most effective ways? Why?

	Ways I communicate	Advantages	Disadvantages
With friends	Text messages	read when free Easy to use	emotions are not Clear
With relatives	Cell Phone	hear their voices Call them anywhere	being busy Cost a lot of money
With other people who live far away	Email	make sure they deliver it	net problems (Wireless connection)



Thanks!

HAVE A
NICE DAY!