

NORTHSTAR 3e Level 1

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Video Activity Worksheet

Unit 1: Friendship

Communication through the Ages

Comprehension

Predict

This video is about the history of long-distance communication. How do you think people kept in touch long ago?

Study these words. Then watch the video.

device: a machine or other small object that does a special job.

developed (v.): designed and produced something new

distance: the amount of space between two places

drum: a round musical instrument which you hit with your hand or a stick

electrical: relating to electricity, a type of energy that is used to make lights, television, etc.

imitate: to copy the way a person or animal speaks or moves to entertain other people

instant (adj.): happening immediately; **(n.):** a very short period of time

invention: something that has been invented; something that has been made or designed that is completely new and different

method: a way of doing something

satellites: machines that go into space to receive radio, television signals, etc., and send them to other parts of the world

signals (n.): sounds or actions that tell someone to do something

user-friendly: easy to use



Focus

Watch the video. Choose the correct answer. Circle a, b, or c.

_____ created the telephone.

- a. Samuel Morse
- b. Alexander Graham Bell
- c. The Pony Express

Comprehension

Read the statements. Then watch the video again. Choose True or False for each statement. Circle T or F.

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| 1. Staying in touch is easier and faster than ever before. | T | F |
| 2. Stone Age man used fire to create messages called smoke signals. | T | F |
| 3. Morse code is a system of dots and lines that represent letters of the alphabet. | T | F |
| 4. Samuel Morse was a voice teacher who taught the deaf to speak. | T | F |
| 5. It is possible to send text messages and e-mails in an instant. | T | F |

Speaking

The telephone, Internet, and cell phone make long-distance communication easier than ever before. Which type of long-distance communication do you prefer to use: telephone calls, e-mail messages, or text messages? Why?

Writing

Instant long-distance communication has many advantages. Write two advantages. Do you think there are any disadvantages to long-distance communication? If yes, write examples. If no, write why you feel there are no disadvantages.

