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Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet
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Student instructions: Complete the statements below with the missing dates, time order words or facts. Then, put the communication events in the correct chronological order by numbering the happenings 1-10. Number 1 will be the event from the earliest history of communications and number 10 will be the most current.

_____ The world's first handheld cellular phone call was made on April 3, _____.

_____ The invention of the internet on _____, 1969, forever changed communication.

_____ The telephone was invented in _____ by Alexander Graham Bell.

_____ _____ there are nearly 300 million cell phone users.

_____ Long before the invention of the telephone, people communicated with _____.

_____ Modern communication technology includes applications such as _____, Google, social _____ platforms, Facetime and _____.

_____ The _____ phones required switchboard operators and rotary dial-up and were not mobile.

_____ By _____, large numbers of people throughout the world had cell phone access.



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Student instructions: Name the term for each definition or phrase found in “Around the World.” Write the correct term on the blank to the left of the definition or related phrase.

Term	Definition or related phrase
_____	The number of communication satellites in Earth’s orbit.
_____ _____	The first American satellite to relay communication in 1958.
_____	A communications satellite uses this device to relay and amplify radio telecommunications.
_____ _____	One place today’s satellites are used for transactions. You might go here when in your vehicle.
_____	One communication medium, along with radio, telephone and the internet, that works due to a communication satellite.
_____	This shape of the earth creates the need for a communication satellite to relay signals.
_____	In 1960, this balloon became the first artificial satellite to advance global communication.
_____	The first artificial Earth satellite put into space by the Soviet Union on Oct. 4, 1957.



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Student instructions: After reading information about the homing pigeon in “Wildville,” use the fill-in-the-blank template below to write a bio poem about this amazing bird. Fill in the blanks with words from the text and then write the finished poem at the bottom by copying the words from the blanks in order.

Animal name: homing pigeon

Three words that describe it: _____

Three words that describe its actions: _____

Three words that describe how people used it: _____

Three words associated with the animal: _____

Three countries where it was used: _____

An alternative name for the animal: _____

Copy your poem in the space below using the above words in the same order.



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Answer Key



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The world's first handheld cellular phone call was made on April 3, **1973**.

4

The invention of the internet on **Oct. 29**, 1969, forever changed communication.

2

The telephone was invented in **1876** by Alexander Graham Bell.

7

Today there are nearly 300 million cell phone users.

1

Long before the invention of the telephone, people communicated with **letters**.

8

Modern communication technology includes applications such as **email**, Google, social **media** platforms, FaceTime and **Zoom**.

3

The **first** phones required switchboard operators and rotary dial-up and were not mobile.

6

By **2006**, large numbers of people throughout the world had cell phone access.



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Answer Key

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Teachers: Answers are below.

Terms	Definition or related phrase
2,000	The number of communication satellites in Earth's orbit.
Project Score	The first American satellite to relay communication in 1958.
transponder	A communications satellite uses this device to relay and amplify radio telecommunications.
gas station	One place today's satellites are used for transactions. You might go here when in your vehicle.
TV	One communication medium, along with radio, telephone and the internet, that works due to a communication satellite.
curve	This shape of the earth creates the need for a communication satellite to relay signals.
Echo 1	In 1960, this balloon became the first artificial satellite to advance global communication.
Sputnik 1	The first artificial Earth satellite put into space by the Soviet Union on Oct. 4, 1957.



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Teachers: Poems will vary.

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