



The Nation's Favorite Fun Family Newspaper  
Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet  
July Enrichment Activities  
Grades K-2

**Student instructions:** Put the following 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.

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

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The telephone was invented in 1876 by Alexander Graham Bell.

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

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

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**Terms**

**Meanings or Related Phrases**

gas station

The number of communication satellites in Earth's orbit.

TV

The first American satellite to relay communication in 1958.

curve

A communications satellite uses this device to relay and amplify radio telecommunications.

transponder

One place today's satellites are used for transactions. You might go to this place in your car.

2,000

One communication medium, along with radio, telephone and the internet, that works due to a communication satellite.

Project Score

This shape of the earth creates the need for a communication satellite to relay signals.

Sputnik 1

In 1960, this balloon became the first artificial satellite to advance global communication.

Echo 1

The first artificial Earth satellite put into space by the Soviet Union on Oct. 4, 1957.



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Animal name: homing pigeon

Words that describe it: \_\_\_\_\_

Words that describe its actions: \_\_\_\_\_

Words that describe how people used it: \_\_\_\_\_

Words associated with the animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Countries that used it: \_\_\_\_\_

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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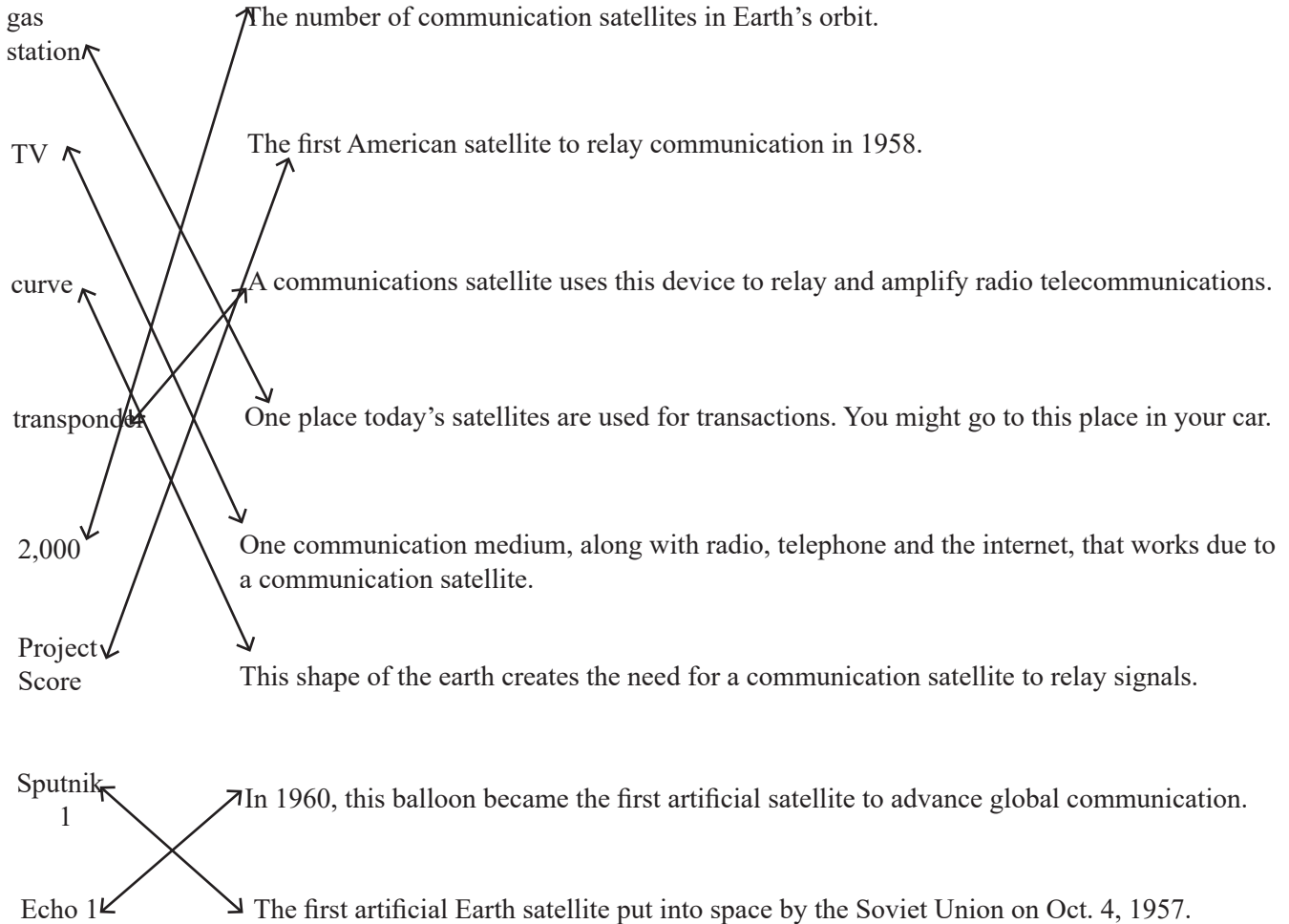


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