

Communication through time



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This piece of stone, known as a tablet, is in our collection and on it you can see marks. This is how people used to write about 5000 years ago in the region now called the Middle East. This writing is called **cuneiform**.



The inscription on this tablet is like a stamp that King Nebuchadnezzar used on royal buildings. He was a powerful ruler in Babylon (modern-day Iraq). It's amazing that we can still read what these people wrote so many years ago!

Let's look at other civilizations, like the Ancient Egyptians. They also had their very own writing system. They used what we call **hieroglyphs**. Below is what the Ancient Egyptian alphabet looked like:

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



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Your
turn!

Try and write your name or even a sentence using the alphabet from the last page!

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Now take some time to think of how you communicate with your friends and family, especially during the pandemic when we have been staying at home. What object do you use the most? Is it a phone, a computer, some paper and a pen?



Check out this telephone!

It's part of our collection too, it is from the 1930's. How different is it from yours? Would you know how to use it?