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THE FUTURE OF COMMUNICATIONS

FROM TEXTING TO AUGMENTED REALITY

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INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATION IN A CHANGING WORLD

Today, cell phones are part of everyday life. But if you had been alive 50 years ago, your telephone would've been attached to a wall. You would have dialed each digit of a number one at a time on a spinning wheel. If you had the latest phone, you might have pressed buttons instead of dialing the number.

Everything changed on a spring day in 1973. Martin Cooper shocked people by making a phone call in the middle of a New York City street. He was using the first cell phone. It was the size of a brick. This was the beginning of the cell phones we have today.

If you had one of those first cell phones, you wouldn't have been able to text or video chat. You couldn't share your photos or update your status on social media. Communication has changed a lot since that time.



A modern-day cell phone compared to an old rotary phone

Cell phones connect people everywhere through text, voice, and video. Most phones are small enough to fit in a pocket. People rarely go anywhere without them. They take photos on their phones and share those photos with friends. They can keep in touch with others no matter where they are.

Many new words have been invented as modern communication has changed. People download or upload content, tweet, chat, or post updates on social media. They **stream** and save things on the **cloud**. They use emojis.

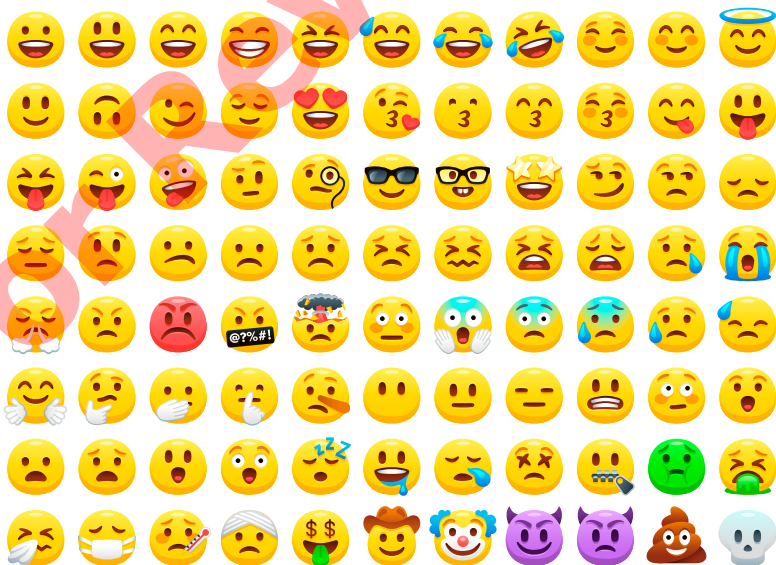
With all of these changes, you may wonder how people will communicate in the future. What will connecting with others look like in 10 years? What about in 30 years?

FACT:

Martin Cooper was inspired by the TV show *Star Trek* to invent the first cell phone. The characters used “communicators” to talk to people anywhere in space.



Today people take for granted that cell phones let them connect with others anywhere and at any time.



Emojis are a fun way to communicate with pictures instead of words.

CHAPTER 1

WHAT IS JUST AHEAD?

Cell phones have gone from being only telephones to becoming small portable computers. People can text, email, video chat, and play games on them. They can even stream TV and movies. What's next? How will phones change in the next few years?

Cell phone improvements in the near future will probably make them work better. Phones will be easier to use. Phones will also be harder to break and more **resistant** to water damage. They will have longer-lasting batteries, more memory, and a faster **processing speed**.

Phones will probably have even more features. Many new phones will have three or more cameras and lenses. These features will work together to take better photos. They'll be able to zoom out far or up close. They'll also be better at recognizing the owner's face for greater security. Phones will probably be less expensive too.



People used to carry cameras with them to take pictures.
Now they can just use a cell phone.