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Reading Classwork 7
Chapter 7: Getting the message (page 33-35)

I. Read each statement. Write True (T) or False (F).

0. The first email message was sent in 1971. T
1. The first telegraph machine was built in 1874. _____
2. Early telegraph machines needed twenty-six wires. _____
3. Samuel Morse invented a telegraph that needed only one wire. _____
4. Morse code used only long sounds. _____
5. American telegraph companies put up 58,000 kilometers of wires. _____
6. Telex was invented in the 1920s. _____
7. Telex machines used telephone wires. _____
8. Companies continued to use telex until the 1980s. _____
9. In the 1980s, people began to buy personal computers. _____
10. Text messaging began in the late 1990s. _____

II. Choose the correct answer: A, B, or C.

0. When was the first email message sent? B
A. 1774 B. 1971 C. 1990
1. What did the first telegraph machines use to send messages? _____
A. Wires B. Satellites C. Mobile phones
2. How many wires did early telegraph machines need? _____
A. 12 B. 20 C. 26
3. Who invented Morse code? _____
A. Samuel Morse B. Alexander Bell C. Thomas Edison
4. What did Morse code use? _____
A. Pictures and numbers B. Long and short sounds C. Colors and lights

5. When was telex invented? _____
A. In the 1840s B. In the 1920s C. In the 1990s
6. What did telex machines use? _____
A. Their own telex lines B. Mobile phone networks C. The Internet
7. Why did emails not immediately become popular in the 1980s? _____
A. Computers were too expensive. B. Different email systems could not communicate with each other. C. There were no computers.
8. What made email easier in the 1990s? _____
A. The Internet and the Web B. Telegraph wires C. Telex machines
9. What did people begin to use in the late 1990s to send messages? _____
A. Fax machines B. Mobile phones C. Telegraphs
10. What can instant messaging software do? _____
A. Send messages instantly B. Only send letters C. Work without any device

III. Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box.

1971 | Samuel Morse | 26 | Morse code | 1920s | telex | 1980s | Internet | 1990s | mobile phones |

instant messaging

0. The first email message was sent in **1971**.
1. Early telegraph machines needed _____ wires.
2. _____ invented a better kind of telegraph.
3. The special code of long and short sounds was called _____.
4. A new electronic message system called _____ was invented in the _____.
5. Companies continued to use telex until the _____.
6. In the _____, people began to use the Internet and the Web.
7. People started to send text messages using _____ in the late 1990s.
8. At the beginning of the twenty-first century, millions of people used _____ software.

9. Emails became popular because there was only one system on the _____.

10. The first email message was sent in _____.

IV. Number the events from 1–11, starting with the earliest event.

- A. _____ People began to use the Internet and the Web.
- B. _____ Samuel Morse built a better kind of telegraph.
- C. _____ People began using instant messaging software.
- D. _____ The first email message was sent.
- E. _____ People began using mobile phones to send text messages.
- F. 1 The first telegraph machine was built.
- G. _____ A new electronic message called telex was invented.
- H. _____ American telegraph companies put up 58,000 kilometers of wires.
- I. _____ People began buying personal computers.
- J. _____ Emails became a popular and cheap way to send messages.
- K. _____ Companies stopped using telex as they moved into the 1980s.

V. Answer each question in a complete sentence.

0. When was the first email message sent?

The first email message was sent in 1971.

1. When was the first telegraph machine built?

2. Why were the early telegraph machines difficult to use?

3. How many wires did Samuel Morse's telegraph need?

4. What was Morse code made of?

5. How many kilometres of telegraph wires did American companies put up?

6. What was telex?

7. Why were telex lines not very convenient?

8. Why did emails not immediately become popular in the 1980s?

9. Why did email become easier to use in the 1990s?

10. What is one advantage of instant messaging?
