

TABLE COMPLETION SKILL BUILDING EXERCISE 2

Answer questions 1-4 which are based on the reading passage below.

Changes in Industrial Britain

The spread of railways stimulated communication, and Rowland Hill's standardisation of postal charges in 1839 saw a boom in mail services. But this was nothing compared to the revolution of the telegraph. If you think the Internet is big then just imagine how much bigger it would seem if you had never before seen a computer or telephone. That's what the telegraph was to the Victorians. If rail travel shrank the country, the telegraph crushed it. It opened in the 1840s and soon went stratospheric – within ten years exchanging telegrams had become part of everyday life. By the mid-1860s London was connected with New York, and ten years later messages could be exchanged between London and Bombay in minutes.

Questions 1 – 4

Complete the table below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.

Year	Events in Britain
1839	Regulation of 1 _____ resulted in a delivery of mail
1840s	The beginning of 2 _____
3 _____	Messages could be sent to New York
1870s	A few 4 _____ for messages to arrive from Bombay