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COMMUNITIES TODAY

Life in the present day has changed from years ago. Today everything is instant. Cars are fast. Food is fast. Technology is fast.

Traveling is also different today from years ago. Cars, buses, trucks, or vans move us quickly where we want to go. People travel by subways. Subways are trains that run mostly under the ground. Other people travel in planes. They can move us from one part of the world to another in only one day. Astronauts travel to the moon in space shuttles. Shuttles travel faster than planes or cars.

Communication has become very fast as well. People can use cell phones and computers to deliver messages instantly. Televisions and radios broadcast the news that is happening right now. We no longer have to wait months to receive information from other parts of the world.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What would be one word or group of words that describes communities today?
 - a. backwards, quick
 - b. old fashioned, slow
 - c. advanced, fast
 - d. out of date

2. Which would be a **synonym** for *instant*?
 - a. quick
 - b. slow
 - c. immediate
 - d. fast

3. Which sentence below makes the most sense?
 - a. Communication today is much slower than in years past.
 - b. Communication today is much faster than in years past.
 - c. Today's communities are no different from communities years ago.
 - d. Today's communities are very similar to communities years ago.

4. Which statement is **NOT** mentioned in the passage above?
 - a. Transportation can be in a car, van, plane, or train.
 - b. Space shuttles travel faster than cars or planes.
 - c. Wagons are the most common form of transportation in 2006.
 - d. Communication can take place on a computer or on a cell phone.