

## THE INVENTION OF THE TELEPHONE –VOCABULARY

❖ **transmit** (v) /trænz' mɪt/ = to communicate information to others

*i.e. Instructions were transmitted to the pilots through their headphones.*

❖ **wire** (n) /waɪər/ = a piece of long thin metal that can carry signals or electricity

*i.e. The wires had been cut, leaving the building in darkness.*

❖ **investor** (n) /ɪn' ves.tər/ = a person, organization, or country that puts money into something in order to make a profit or receive interest

*i.e. The largest investor in the non-manufacturing sector was the UK.*

❖ **invention** (n) /ɪn' ven.ʃən/ = something that has never been made before, or the process of creating something that has never been made before

*i.e. The world changed rapidly after the invention of the phone.*

❖ **deaf** (adj) /def/ =unable to hear, either completely or partly

*i.e. He's been totally/partially deaf since birth.*

❖ **controversy** (n) /'kɒn.trə.vɜː.si/ =a lot of disagreement or argument about something, usually because it affects or is important to many people

*i.e. The government proposal to test 14-year-olds has been causing controversy in the staffroom .*

❖ **device** (n) /dɪ' vaɪs/ =an object or machine that has been invented for a particular purpose

*i.e. You can stream music on your tablet or other mobile device.*

