

THE INVENTION OF THE TELEPHONE – VOCABULARY

❖ **transmit** (v) /trænz'mit/ = 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) /in'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) /in'venʃən/ = 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.t्रə.vi:sɪ/ = 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'veɪs/ = 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.

