In 1992, Neil Papworth, a software engineer and developer, _____ the first text message, which said simply, 'Happy Christmas'. At that time, he _____ for Sema Telecoms, a company which was developing the technology for Vodaphone. In those days, mobile phones didn't have keyboards, so he had to type the message on a computer. Papworth was not, however, the first person to think of sending a short message. A man called Friedhelm Hillebrand _____ the idea back in 1984. And it was Hellebrand who limited the message to 160 characters. Text messaging was not immediately popular, but in recent years it _____ very rapidly. In fact, these days we _____ over 15 million text messages every minute! Platforms such as Twitter, _____ to texting having become such an essential part of our lives today.