

5 **Think** Read the title and look at the pictures. What do you think the text is about?



## COMMUNICATION: PAST AND PRESENT



Today, communication is fast and easy, but how did people communicate in the past? Read on to learn about the way people shared messages 100 years ago and how it is different today.

### 100 YEARS AGO

When you think of communication 100 years ago, the first thing that comes to mind is speaking face-to-face. However, there were other ways to communicate, too. People often **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ letters by post, but they also used the telephone, the telegraph machine and carrier pigeons. These ways of communication delivered messages across long distances, even hundreds of kilometres. Besides, a lot of people kept a **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ about their lives to share with future generations.



### TODAY

Today, the Internet deeply changes the way we communicate. People nowadays speak face-to-face less often than they did in the past because they **3)** \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time online. They share information about their lives on social media by **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ new entries. Also, many people keep a blog or a vlog instead of a diary, and they send emails instead of letters. Nowadays, people still use the telephone, but most have a smartphone for calling or sending **5)** \_\_\_\_\_. What will communication be like in 100 years? We wish we knew!

\* 'Blog' comes from the words 'web' and 'log' \* 'Vlog' comes from the words 'video' and 'log'

• telegraph machine • carrier pigeon • deliver • generation

6 **1.5** Read the text. For questions (1–5), choose the correct options (A, B, C or D). Listen and check.

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|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 A took    | B sent    | C talked        | D wrote     |
| 2 A diary   | B letter  | C message       | D telephone |
| 3 A use     | B speak   | C share         | D spend     |
| 4 A sending | B posting | C reading       | D keeping   |
| 5 A blogs   | B vlogs   | C text messages | D entries   |

7 Read the text again and decide if the statements (1–5) are **R (right)**, **W (wrong)** or **DS (doesn't say)**.

- 1 In the past, people used carrier pigeons to deliver messages across long distances.
- 2 Everybody used to write in a diary about their daily lives in the past.
- 3 Today, people spend a lot of time online, so they speak face-to-face less often.
- 4 People nowadays post updates about their lives on social media.
- 5 Blogs are more popular than emails these days.