

The ancient Greeks established lines of signal towers at mountain-tops. At each one, a large fire was to transmit a signal to the next tower, and in this way, information was passed on through the land. Almost anything that makes a noise has been used for signaling. A kind of drum talk is still used in Central Africa today, although few who are not natives have been able to understand it. The sender uses a drum that can produce a high or low tone. Because the local dialect alternates in these tones, the sender is able to simulate speech with the drums.