

We can communicate with other people in many different ways. There is also the phone (including the mobile for chatting and text messaging), the fax, and e-mail. Communication technologies were very important in the development of all the great ancient societies:

- o Around 2900 BC, paper and hieroglyphics transformed Egyptian life.
- o The Romans developed a unique system of government that depended on the Roman alphabet.

Television, film, painting, and photography can also communicate ideas.

- o In the 14th century, the printing press helped develop new ways of thinking across Europe.

Animals have ways of exchanging information, too. Bees dance and tell other bees where to find food. Elephants make sounds that humans can't hear. Whales sing songs. Monkeys use their faces to show anger and love.

- o The ancient Greeks loved the spoken word.