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## Alexander Bell and his telephone



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Alexander Bell built a telephone in 1876. He had to learn a lot of science to do it.





Here are some telephones from long ago. Do these early phones look like your phone?  
Phones use electricity to send calls. Some calls are sent through wires. Some calls are sent through the air.



Some phones can get calls that travel through air.



Using the phone is a great way to talk to friends and family.  
Who do you like to talk to on the phone?



The phone can be used to get help when someone is sick.



Using a phone is a big help if there is trouble or danger. For example, if you saw someone get hurt, you or a grown-up would dial 9-1-1.



Dial 9-1-1 to get help.



The people who answer the phone at 9-1-1 will send help. Use your head. Tell them what the problem is. Do not hang up because they need to find out where you are.





# Think and Share

Read Together

Are the roads open after a snowstorm?  
Use the telephone to find out.



The telephone is also good for finding things out. For example, you can call your school and find out if it is open after a storm.

Telephones make our lives better.

1. What can you say about Alexander Bell? Write a sentence about him.
2. Look back on page 7. Use a chart like the one below. List the steps you would follow to make a 9-1-1 call.

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3. Find the word *saw* on page 6. Write three more words with the same vowel sound as *saw* spelled with *aw*.
4. Why is the telephone an important invention?

