

Types of communication weekend guessing game

Tell your partner something that someone said or wrote to you at the weekend. They should guess who said it, what they were talking about and what kind of communication it was. You can start all sentences with "He/ she said..." to make guessing more difficult.

Possible kinds of communication

- email
- text (= SMS)
- social networking site (e.g. Facebook, My Space, Orkut)
- micro blogging site (e.g. Twitter)
- comment on your blog or photo or video sharing page
- comment on what you wrote on an online forum
- letter
- postcard
- card (= a greetings card, e.g. birthday card, Xmas card, get well soon card)
- note (e.g. a Post It on your desk)
- memo
- poster or sign on the wall
- online chat
- phone call
- message on your answer machine
- conference call
- video conference call
- video phone call (including Skype)
- through an intercom
- face to face

Possible people

- a shop assistant
- a waiter or waitress
- cabin crew
- a relative, e.g. one of your in-laws
- a distant relation, e.g. a great uncle or a second cousin
- line manager
- boyfriend/ girlfriend/ spouse/ partner
- door to door salesman
- taxi driver
- acquaintance
- stranger

Possible things they said

A

I look forward to hearing from you soon

Dear Sir or Madam

B

LOL/ ROTFL

afaik

gr8

imo/ imho

:(

CU@4

C

I can see you. Can you see me?

Your image is frozen

D

To: All staff

E

Wish you were here

As you can see on the other side...

F

Back in 20 minutes

Tom called. Can you call him back?

G

XXX (= kisses)

luv

XOXO (= hugs and kisses)

H

To John

From Alex

I

This is John

Please hold

J

Alex is looking forward to his holiday

John has given you a nudge

K

I'm running out of credit

My battery is running out

I'm going into a lift/ tunnel

L

I'm here to see...

I'm buzzing you in

Come up to the third floor

Mr Jones is here to see you/ for his 3 o'clock appointment

- *Which kind of communication do each of the examples above probably come from?*
- *What other examples of common language do you know for each one, especially telephoning and emailing?*
- *What are the differences between formal and informal emails? Which other forms are they similar to?*