

Communication trends

Focus on IELTS Unit 13

Choose one of the topics below and describe past, present and/ or future changes in that thing in your country, the region, the world, etc and see if your partner agrees.

- CB radio
- DAB (= digital radio)
- Esperanto
- Morse code
- PR releases
- VoIP (such as Skype)
- answer machines/ ansaphones
- blogs
- cable television
- car phones
- conference calls
- email
- emoji/ emoticons
- face to face conversations
- fax
- HDTV
- how people communicate in business
- how teenagers communicate
- instant messaging
- internet radio
- intranet
- job interviews
- junk mail
- letters
- live television
- magazines
- memo(randums)/ emails to all staff
- (tabloid/ broadsheet/ freebie) newspapers
- noticeboards
- online chat
- online discussion forums
- paper
- phishing scams
- phone calls
- photocopies
- pirate radio
- presentations
- radio
- satellite phones
- satellite television
- scrolls
- shorthand
- sign language
- signs/ notices

- smartphones/ smartphone apps
- snail mail
- social media
- spam
- speeches
- talking to strangers in bars
- teleconferences
- terrestrial television
- texts/ SMS
- textspeak
- video conferences
- walkie-talkies
- wikis

The forms below are not normal ways of talking about those things in English. First of all without looking above, try to write the correct modern English spoken form for each.

DM X
electronic mail X
facsimile X
presen X
smartphone appli X
SNS X
TV conference X
BS television X

Try to find the answers above.