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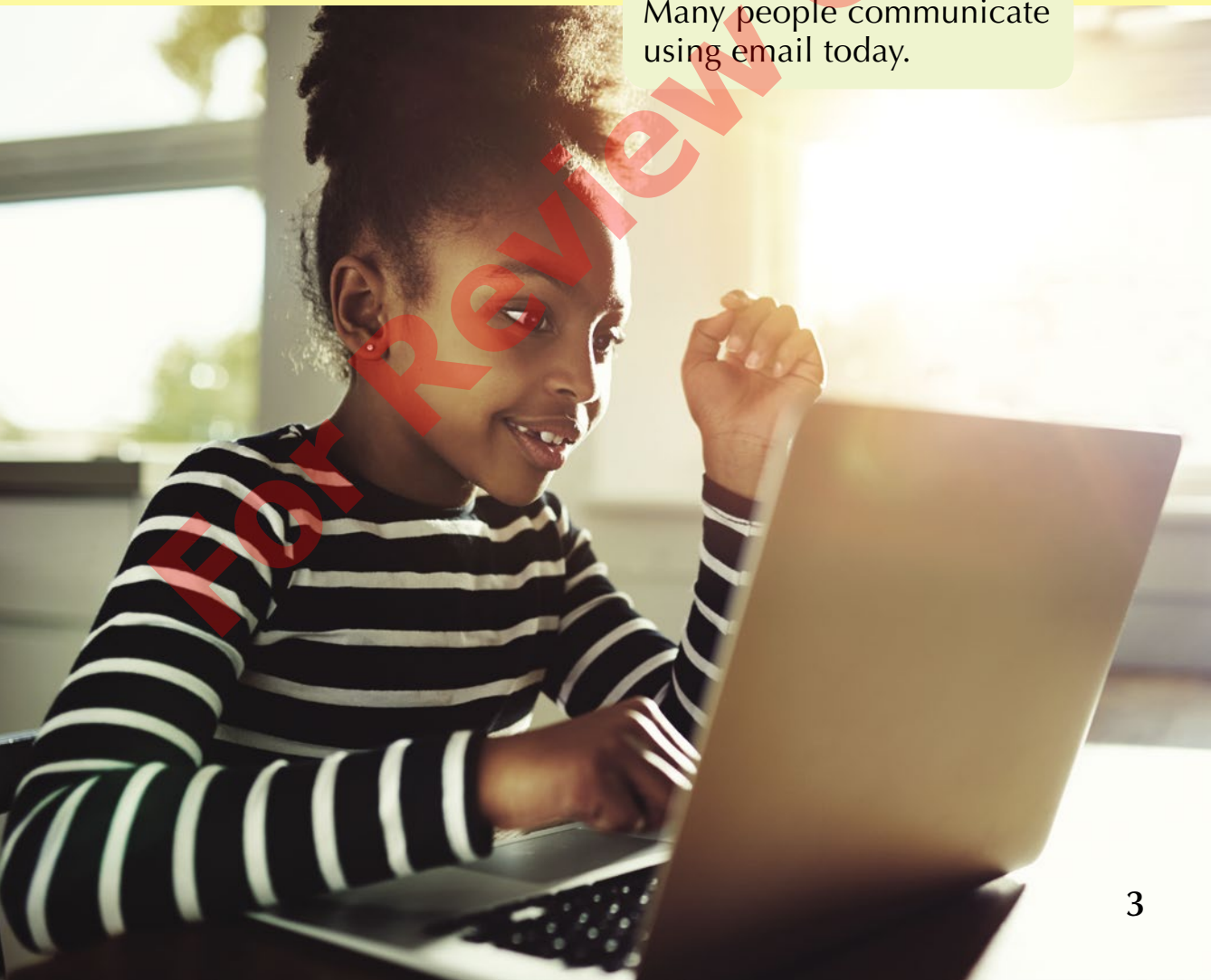
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Staying Connected Over Time

In the last 200 years, the ways people **communicate** have changed. New inventions have helped us share information and be entertained. They have helped us stay in touch. They have made staying connected faster and easier.



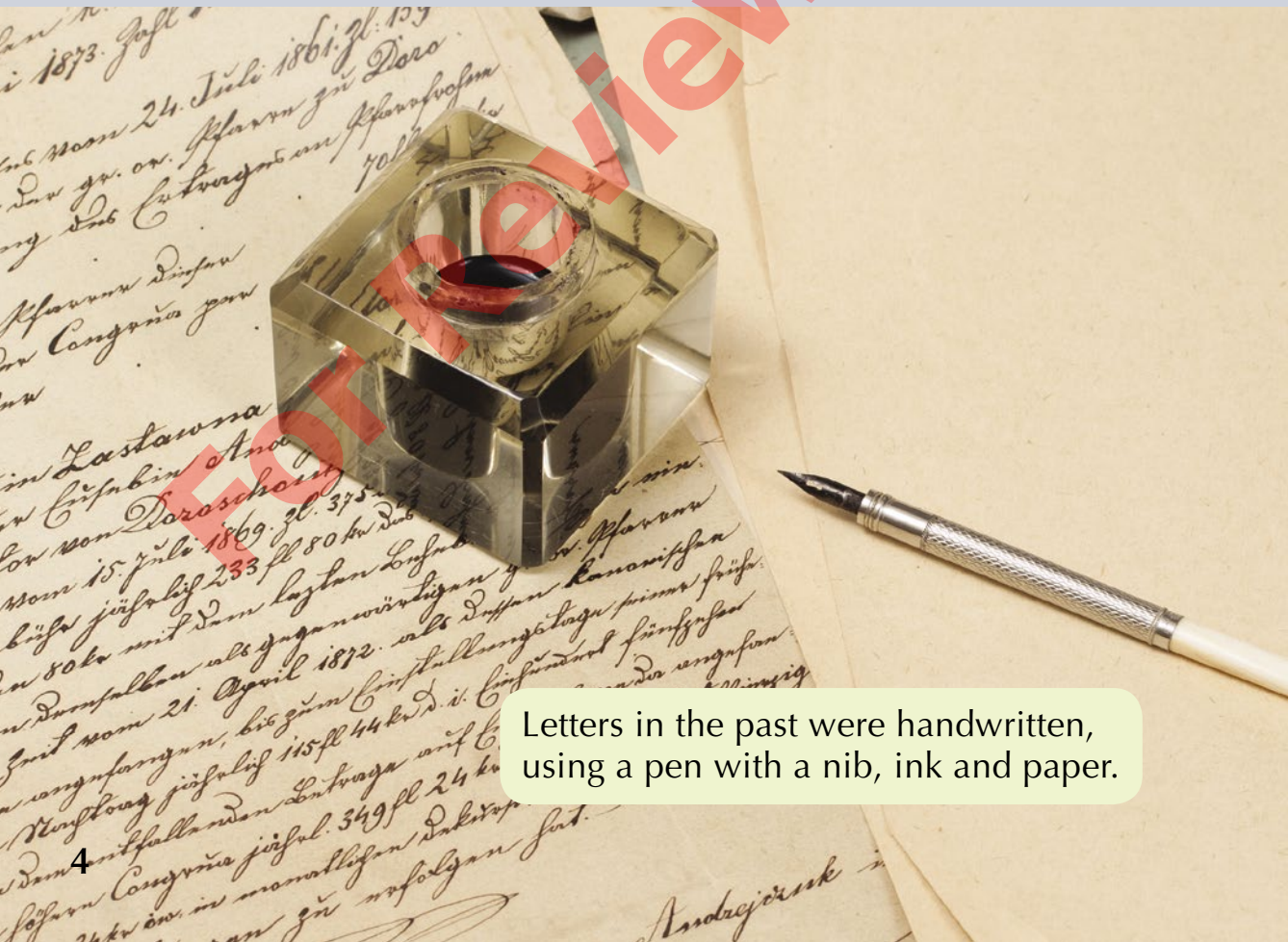
Many people communicate using email today.

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Letters and Messages

Two hundred years ago, people communicated with letters. They used letters to share news about both home life and work. They could not email a friend instantly like you can today. Letters were the only way to keep in touch with friends and family far away.

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Letters in the past were handwritten, using a pen with a nib, ink and paper.

At that time, letters were carried by ships, stage coaches and horse riders. It could take weeks for a letter to travel across the country. News was often old by the time it was delivered.



A post rider could travel around 160 kilometres a day on a horse.

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