TALK ABOUT TEXTS

Staying Connected

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Say

'Let's read the contents page together.'

Read

Read the contents page together with the students.

Check Understanding

- What does page 8 tell us about?
- On what page can you read about radio?
- On what page would you find information about 'The Future'?
- What is another word the author could have used instead of 'connected'?

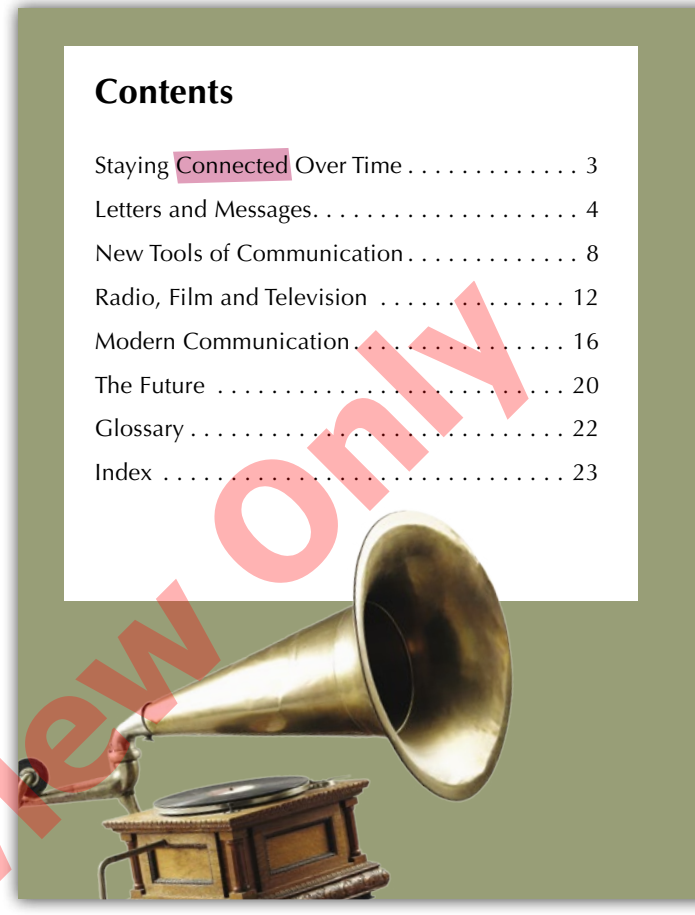
Talk

What information do you think you will find in this book?

I think the book will give me **information** about _____.

Can you ask a 'What' question about the contents page?

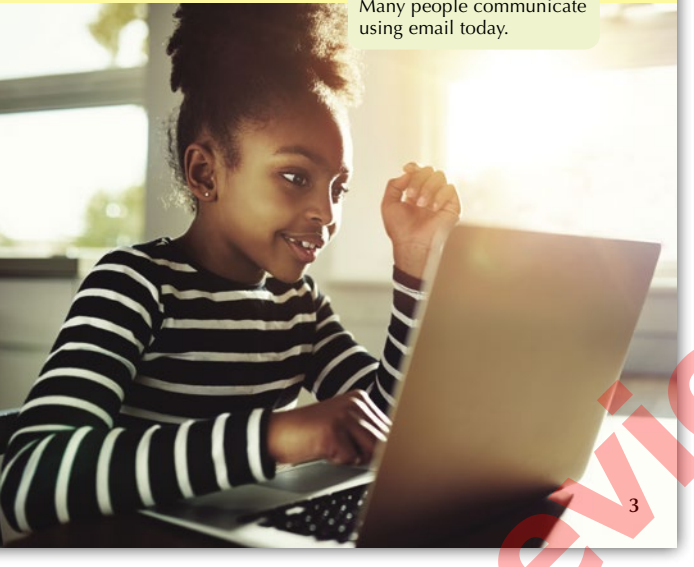
What _____?



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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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Say

'Let's read page 3 together. Then read it again to yourself.'

Read

Read page 3 together with the students, then ask the students to read it again to themselves.

Check Understanding

- What has changed in the last 200 years?
- What do new inventions help us do?
- What does the word 'entertained' mean?

Talk

Can you ask a 'What' question about this page?

What _____?

What information on this page helped you understand what the book is about?

The **information** that helped me is _____.

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Say

'Read pages 4 and 5 to yourself. When you have finished, read them again to your partner.'

Read

Ask the students to read pages 4–5 to themselves and then take turns to read these pages again with their partner.

Check Understanding

- How did people communicate 200 years ago?
- How were letters carried?
- How far could a post rider on a horse travel in a day?
- What does the word 'communicated' mean?
- Do you know any other words that mean the same as 'instantly'?

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.



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

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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.

Talk

Can you ask a 'Why' question about the picture on page 4?

Why _____?

Can you ask a 'How' question about something you have read on page 5?

How _____?

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