

The Mini Page Quiz - Calling Near and Far

For the week of 1/19/15

CCSS: reading informational text.

Our Long Call History

This month we celebrate 100 years since the first transcontinental phone call. It seems like a good time to look back at the history of the telephone and how much communication has changed in just the last few decades. (The Mini Page)

1. Knowing that the prefix ‘*trans*’ means across, which is an example of using the word *transcontinental* correctly?

- A I took a transcontinental flight from North Carolina to California.
- B I took a transcontinental trip from North Carolina to South Carolina
- C I took a transcontinental trip from home to school.
- D I took a transcontinental trip from math class to the lunch room.

2. Knowing that the word ‘*evolve*’ means ‘changing slowly from one thing to another,’¹ which is the most up-to-date meaning of the word *evolution* in the following sentence?

*“This week in The Mini Page, we find out more about the **evolution** of the telephone...”*

- A ...from flip phones to telephone operators
- B ...from Alexander Graham Bell to iPhone6
- C ...from Morse Code to telegraph operators
- D ...from English to Spanish translations

3. Which was a problem connected to using the telegraph as a communication technology?

- A It only used English.
- B It only worked in daylight.
- C It only sent voice messages.
- D It only sent one message at a time.

4. Which is a ‘plus’ about Morse Code?

- A It uses satellite technology.
- B It uses ancient Greek symbols.
- C It is the same in all languages.
- D It requires a paper translation.

5. Which happened first?

- A cell phones
- B written letters
- C Morse Code
- D Bell’s telephone

Ans: 1a/2b/3d/4c/5b

¹<https://search.yahoo.com/search?fr=mcafee&type=B011US747D20140720&p=what+does+evolve+mean>