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Smoke Signals

A. Read the story. Then complete the activity.



When there is a problem, people invent solutions. A long time ago sending a message was a problem. People started to invent ways to send a message.

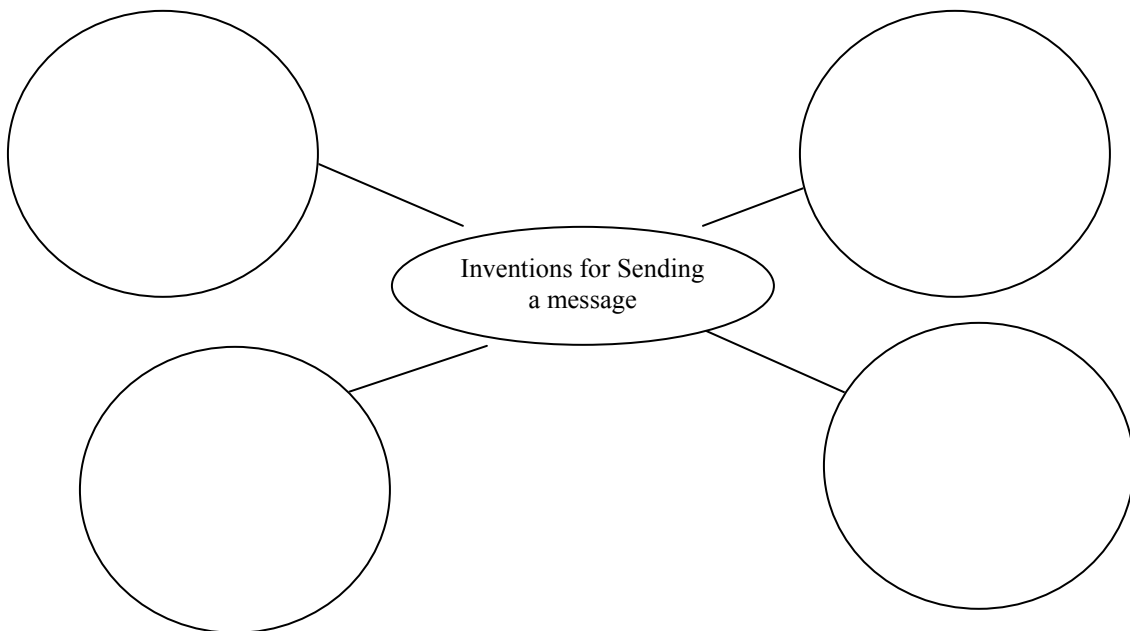
First people used signals. People used smoke signals and signal fires to send messages. The messages were easy to see. The signal was seen from far away. People also used drums to send a message. It was a loud message. It was easy to hear the drums.

In 1843 Samuel Morse invented a new signal. It was called morose code. This signal was sent through the telegraph machine. Later, in 1876, Alexander Bell invented the telephone. The telephone used the voice. Speaking replaced the signal. With the telephone people could talk. Everyone could use the phone.

People continued to invent. In 1996 the internet was invented. Now people send messages on the computer. You can send your own message today.

1. What is the main idea of the story?
 - A. People like to invent things all the time.
 - B. People invented a modern computer.
 - C. People invented ways to send messages.

2. Map the different inventions.



3. Make a list with your friends of all the ways you can think of to send messages. How many do you use?