

## Lesson 90

## 1 TOPIC QUESTION

今日のトピック

# Has the internet affected how well people can communicate with each other?

インターネットは人々のコミュニケーション能力に影響を及ぼしたでしょうか？

## 2 ARTICLE

記事

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

課題：以下の記事をはっきりとした声で音読しましょう。



## The Communications Revolution

In recent years, there has been a revolution in communication. On December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1990 Sir Tim Berners-Lee created the World Wide Web. This development allowed computers all over the world to communicate with each other and share information. But has this really changed the way people communicate or has it just made communication faster, easier and more convenient?

Before the internet age people used telephones, letters and radio communication. All documents had to be posted, which could take anything from days to weeks to arrive at their destinations. People spoke mostly by telephone, which could be expensive especially if you were calling long distance.

These days communication is very different. E-mails have replaced letters although some people still like to write on paper, as it seems more personal. You can speak to anyone anywhere in the world using the internet and you can even have video chat.

Some people say that the internet has made communication less personal and that people don't have so much face to face communication anymore. Many children spend hours on social networking sites instead of going out to meet their friends. Communication these days has never been easier but it is also important to retain that special experience of having a good chat with someone who is in the same room as you.

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**3 VOCABULARY**

語い

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

課題: 先生の後に続いてくり返した後、今度はひとりで発音してみましょう。

**revolution**

革命

**convenient**

便利な

**development**

発達

**instantly**

即座に

**allow**

許す

**retain**

保持する

**share**

分け合う

**4 Questions**

質問

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

課題: 質問を声に出して読んだ後、答えてみましょう。

1. How did people communicate before the internet?
2. What are the advantages of communicating by internet?
3. Why do some people prefer writing letters?
4. Do you think you could live without the internet?  
Explain why or why not.