

2900 BC




Carrier pigeon
(Roman Empire and Egyptians)

1793



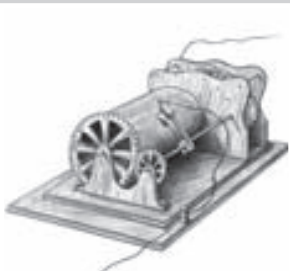
Semaphore
(Claude Chappe)

1838



Telegraph
(Samuel Morse)

1843



Fax
(Alexander Bain)

1876



Telephone
(Alexander Graham Bell)

1904



Radio
(Guglielmo Marconi)

1927



Television
(Philo Farnsworth)

1949



Communication satellites
(Arthur C. Clarke)

1957



Sputnik
(First satellite)

1971



Email
(Ray Tomlinson)

1973



Mobile phone
(Martin Cooper)

1938



Photocopier
(Chester Carlson)

1989



World Wide Web
(Tim Berners-Lee)

2007



Smart phone
Internet-multimedia-enabled smart phone

Note: In reality, very few inventions appear suddenly out of nothing. Many people contribute to the process over time, and sometimes there is argument over who the inventor was or the date of an invention. For this reason, these details may vary in different sources of information. The pictures on the cards are illustrative only and in most cases do not depict the original model.