

1. Before you read, answer the following questions.

a) Do you have a mobile phone? How often do you use it?

b) How often do you send and receive text messages or emails?

c) Has modern technology changed the way people communicate? How?

2. Choose the correct answer according to the article.

1) What did people fail to predict?

a) the mobile phone

b) text messages

c) email

d) the end of writing

2) In paragraph 2, the writer emphasises that

a) writing helps us meet new people

b) writing is now as popular as speaking

c) we waste a lot of time writing

d) we do a lot of writing these days

3) What does the writer say about the new form of written English?

a) It's a very recent development.

b) Most people don't like using it.

c) It was introduced 25 years ago.

d) It's actually a type of speaking.