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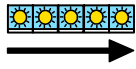

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Communication was very important during the war.






Generals needed to communicate with the soldiers













Generals needed to communicate with their government.



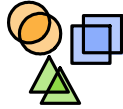
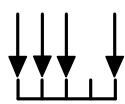




Soldiers needed to communicate with each other.

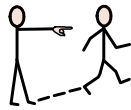
Soldiers needed to ask for help.



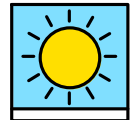
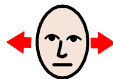
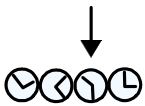
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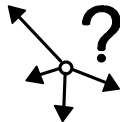
Communication was very difficult.



Commanders sent their troops into battle.







Sometimes there was no communication for days.







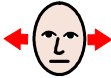

Soldiers did not know what to do?

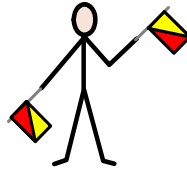


Voice

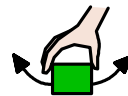
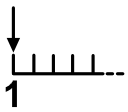
The  commanders  could  shout to  troops.

But  the soldiers  needed to be  near.

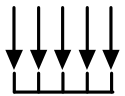
...  If the battle was  very  noisy they  wouldn't  hear. 



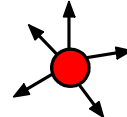
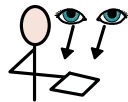
Semaphore



One of the first successful communication was using flags.



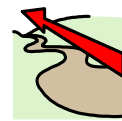
abc



Each letter is shown by different flag positions.



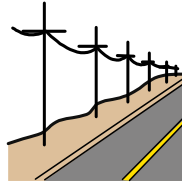
This is called Semaphore.



Flags could be seen from a long distance.

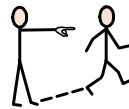


The problem was the enemy could see the flags too.



Telegraph

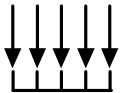
1914



By 1914 messages were being sent all over the world.



Telegraphs used morse code.



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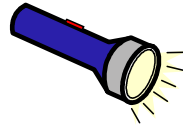


Each letter had a code of dots and dashes.

abc



The letters were made with long and short sounds.

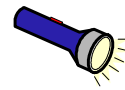


Flash lights



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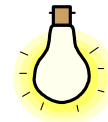
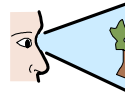
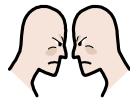
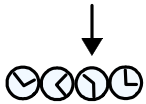
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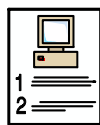
They also used Morse code with flash lights.



They made the messages with short or long flashes.



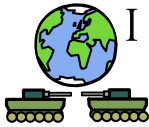
Sometimes the enemy could see the lights.



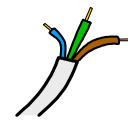
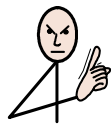
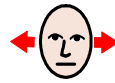
Soldiers invented codes to make the messages secret.



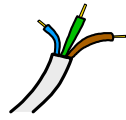
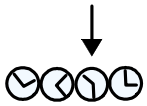
Telephone



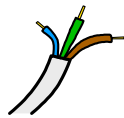
In World War 1 there were no mobile phones.



Telephones had to be connected by cables.



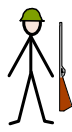
Sometimes cables were very long.



But the cables could be damaged by shells.



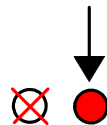
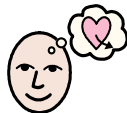
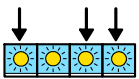
Runners



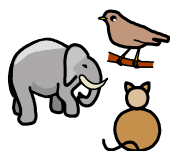
A runner is a soldier who carries a message.



It was dangerous because of firing and shells.



Often it was the last hope when other communication failed.



Animals



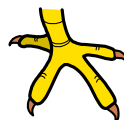
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Animals also carried messages.



Carrier pigeons are trained to fly back to their nests.



Messages were tied to their legs.



Dogs could run fast back to their commander.



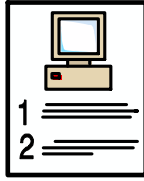
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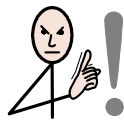
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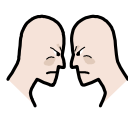
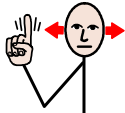
Dogs also carried food and bandages.



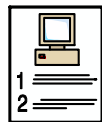
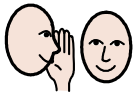
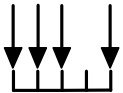
Codes



It was important to keep messages safe.



They didn't want the enemy to read the message.



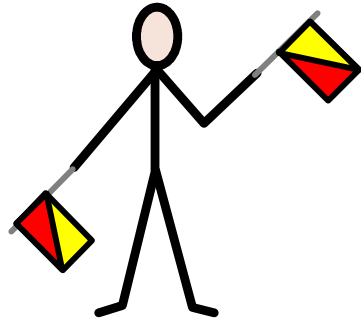
Many secret codes were invented.



The codes helped to keep the messages safe.



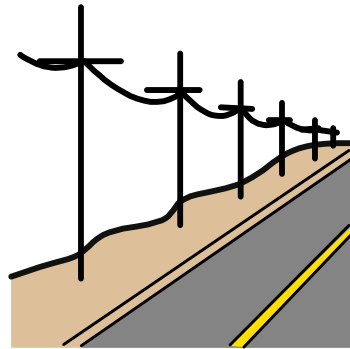
morse code



semaphore



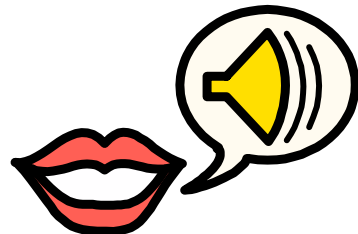
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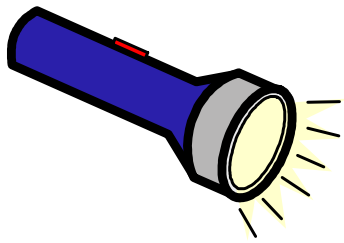
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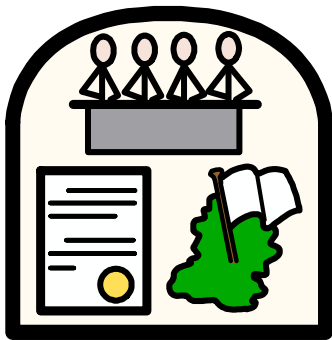
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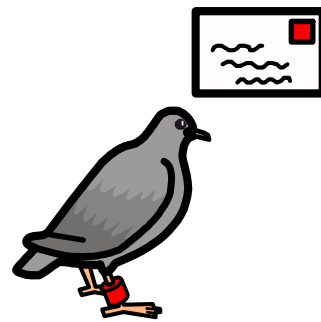
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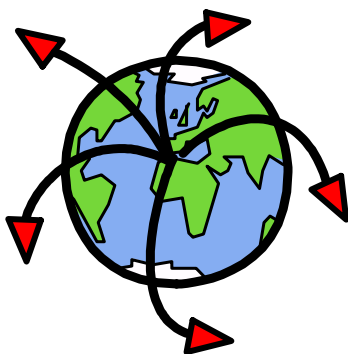
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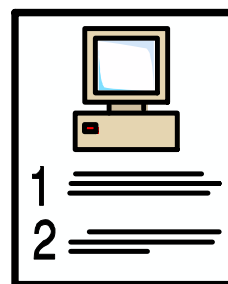
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Carrier pigeons



all over the world



code