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## Telephone Clue Hunt

**Directions:** Before reading, look carefully at the **five comprehension questions** below. They are your *clues*. Use the questions to predict **what kinds of words** (names, numbers, places, or events) you'll need to find in the passage. Then, **scan the text:** move your eyes quickly, looking only for key words or phrases that match your questions. Once you locate where the answer appears, **underline the clue sentence** and write your answer.

### Comprehension Questions (Read These First!)

1. Who invented the first telephone?
2. In what year did he make his first successful call?
3. What were the first words spoken through the telephone?
4. Where was the invention tested?
5. Why was this invention so important?

### "The Sound That Changed the World"

In the late 1800s, communication was changing fast, but no one could have imagined hearing another person's voice through a wire. That dream became reality thanks to Alexander Graham Bell, a Scottish-born inventor who moved to Boston, Massachusetts, to teach the deaf how to communicate. Bell worked tirelessly in his workshop with his assistant, Thomas Watson, experimenting with sound waves and electrical signals.

On March 10, 1876, after months of trial and error, Bell called out, "Mr. Watson—come here—I want to see you!" It was the first successful telephone call in history. Watson, in another room, heard Bell's voice clearly through the receiver.

This single event transformed how humans connect. The invention of the telephone made it possible for families, businesses, and governments to share ideas instantly, no matter the distance. Bell's creation paved the way for radios, cell phones, and the global communication systems we use today.