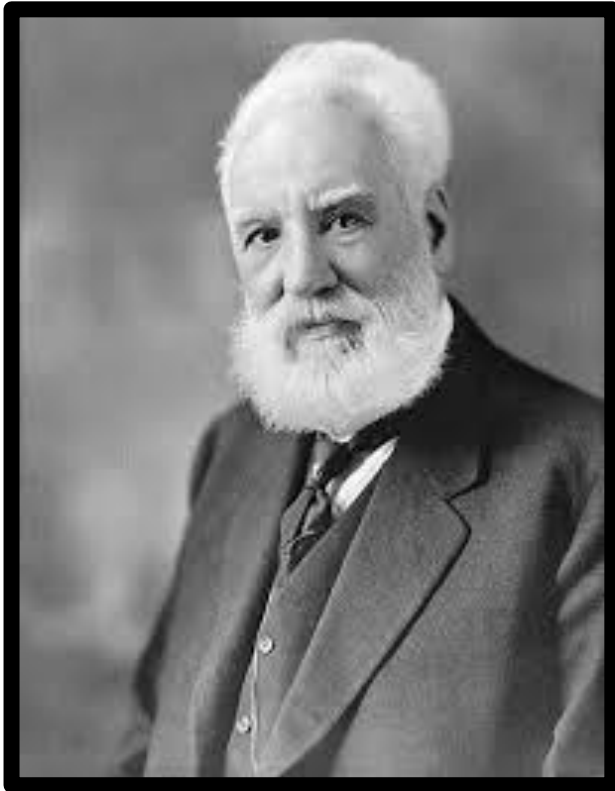




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Alexander Graham Bell

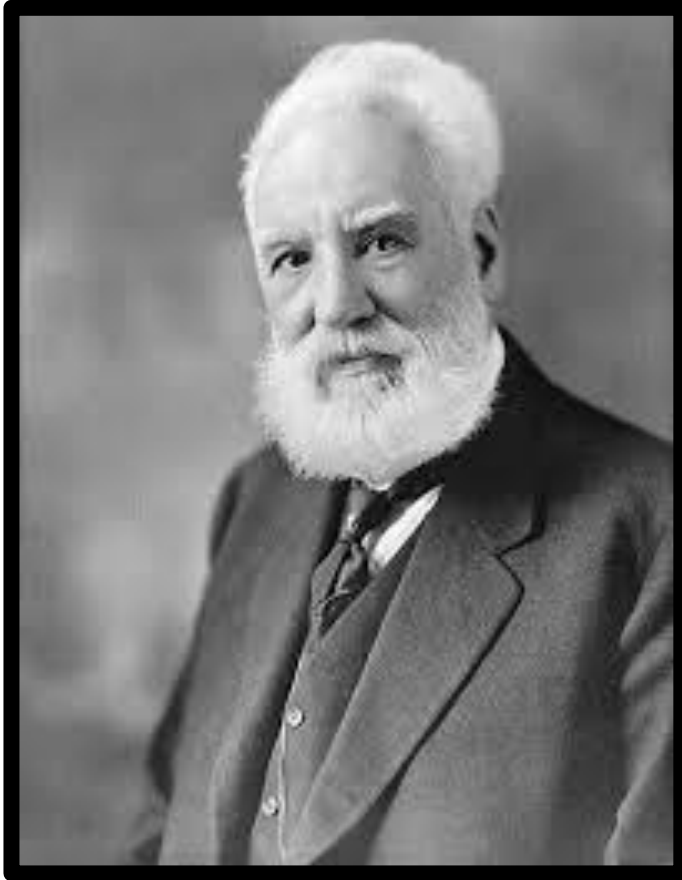


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Alexander Graham Bell was a famous inventor. He invented the telephone. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on March 3, 1847.



Bell's mother was deaf. She could not hear. Bell wanted to help people who were deaf.



Alexander Graham Bell went to University College of London.

Bell's family moved to London, England. Bell went to a **university** there. He learned how to teach people who were deaf.



Many people in England were sick. Bell's brothers died of tuberculosis. Bell's family moved to **Ontario, Canada**. They thought Canada would be a better place to live.



Bell liked Canada. He met Native Americans from the **Mohawk** tribe. He learned how to speak and write their language.



Then, Bell moved to Boston, Massachusetts. He worked at a school for students who were deaf. He was a very good teacher.



Bell met **Mabel Hubbard** in Boston. They fell in love and got married. Mabel had scarlet fever as a child. That caused her to be deaf.



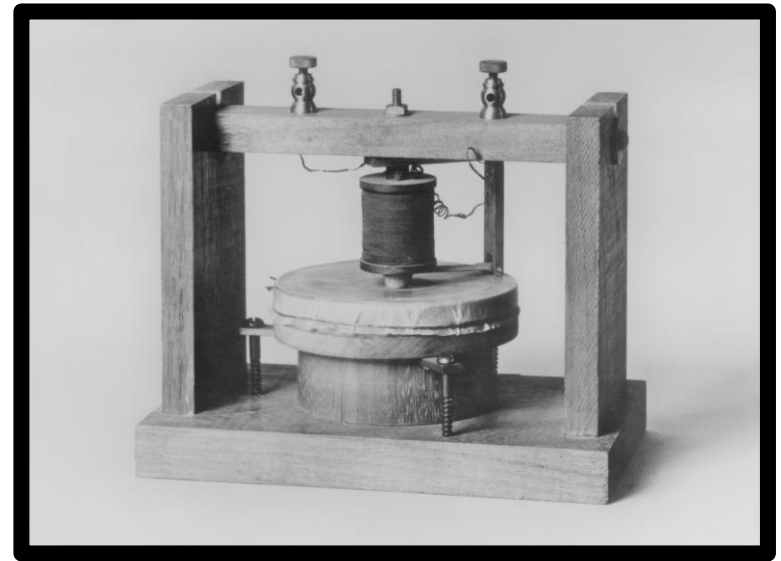
Typewriters could be used to write letters to friends or family members.

Back then there were no telephones. People could not call their friends and family. People wrote letters. A **typewriter** was used to write letters.



Thomas A. Watson

Bell wanted to invent a telephone. He wanted people to be able to call friends and family on a telephone. He hired **Thomas Watson** to help him.



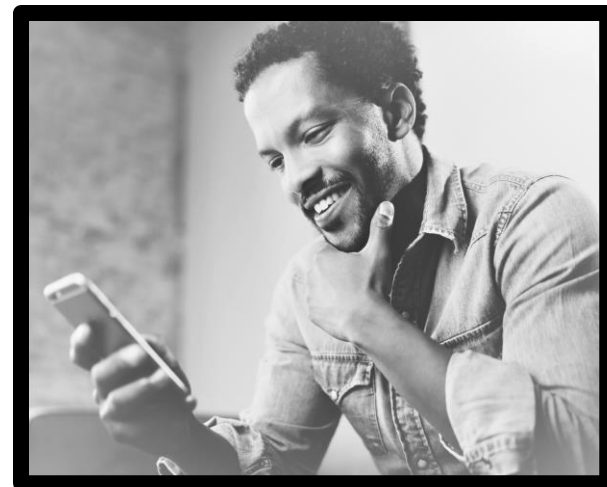
This was the first telephone. This does not look like a telephone, does it?

Finally, they did it!!! They invented the **telephone**. Bell called Watson from the next room. It worked!



Alexander Graham Bell

Bell and Watson tried calling long distance. Bell was in New York. Watson was in California. It worked!



Telephones have changed over time. They have gotten better and better. Today most people use **cell phones**.



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