

A BRIEF HISTORY OF SMS

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Throughout history, humans have found ways to communicate through text. Here is a brief history of how short messages have evolved.

1 ANCIENT TIMES

Ancient people used smoke generated from fire to convey information.



2 1792

Claude Chappe created the optical telegraph. Messages were conveyed by visual signals from towers across France.



3 1837

Morse Code was created by Samuel F.B. Morse. It was the first successful experiment with an electrical recording telegraph.



4 1857

73 was sent in Morse Code. It meant "love and kisses."



5 1876

Alexander Graham Bell spoke on the world's first telephone. Thomas A. Watson was able to hear the message on the other end.



6 1898

Using a radio-controlled boat, Nikola Tesla demonstrated how to transmit a secure communication between transmitter and receiver.



7 1901

Guglielmo Marconi sent a wireless message over 2,000 miles from Cornwall to Newfoundland. It was the letter 's' in Morse Code



8 1930

Passengers onboard an ocean line in the Atlantic were able to speak to telephone customers in the United States by radio.



9 1946

First mobile telephone call made made in a vehicle with an installed phone.



10 1973

Motorola placed the first mobile phone call from a hand-held device prototype.



11 1982

The first emoticon is posted by Professor Scott Fahiman at Carnegie Mellon University.



12 1983

The first cell phone was available for customers, the DynaTAC 8000x from Motorola. It cost \$3,995, equivalent to about \$10k today.



13 1984

Friedhelm Hillebrand and Bernard Gillebaert created the initial concept of the SMS. Messages at the time were limited to 128 bytes to fit into existing signaling formats.

14 1992

Neil Papworth was the first person to send a SMS. He sent 'Merry Christmas' over the Vodaphone GSM network in the UK from a personal computer.



15 2000

The first time that mobile news was delivered by using SMS in Finland.



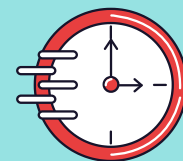
16 2003

Short code was first introduced. Also, AT&T partnered with American Idol to introduce voting through text messages



17 2009

Sonja Kristianes, from Norway, types the fastest text message. He texted 'The razor-toothed piranhas of the genera,...' in 37.28 seconds.



18 2010

'Text' is added as a verb to the Cambridge dictionary.



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19 2012

The text message turned 20 years old.

