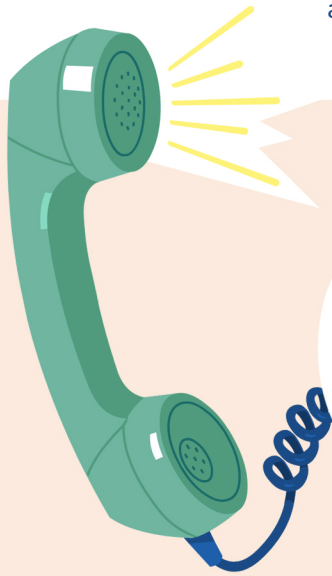


Stories Through Time

21 DAYS of Reading Aloud



Check off each day you read, learn how people communicated across the ages, and try a fun activity when you can!



DAY 1

VOCAL SOUNDS

Early humans used grunts and body language to communicate.

Ask a question using only sounds and gestures.

I've read today!

DAY 2

CAVE PAINTINGS

Pictures on cave walls told stories and recorded events.

Draw a story using stick figures or symbols.

I've read today!

DAY 3

PETROGLYPHS

Images carved into rock that lasted thousands of years.

Use paint markers to draw on rocks.

I've read today!

DAY 14

TELEGRAPH

Messages sent through wires by electrical signals.

Learn about Samuel Morse and the creation of Morse code.

I've read today!

DAY 13

PHOTOGRAPHY

Images captured to record people and events.

Find an old photo and make up a funny story about it.

I've read today!

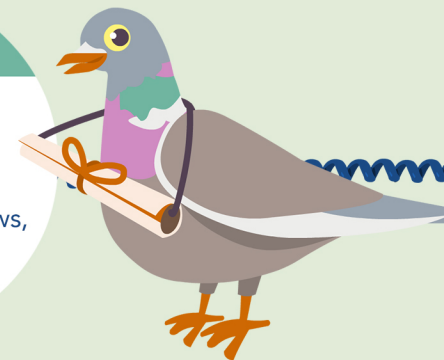
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CARRIER PIGEONS

Birds trained to carry messages.

Used for thousands of years to deliver news, from ancient times through modern wars.

I've read today!



DAY 15

TELEPHONE

Voices sent over wires.

Call someone you haven't spoken to in a while.

I've read today!

DAY 16

PHONOGRAPH

A machine that plays recorded sounds or music.

Play a song on a record player.

I've read today!

DAY 17

RADIO

Sound transmitted through the air.

Turn on the radio and dance to the first song you hear.

I've read today!

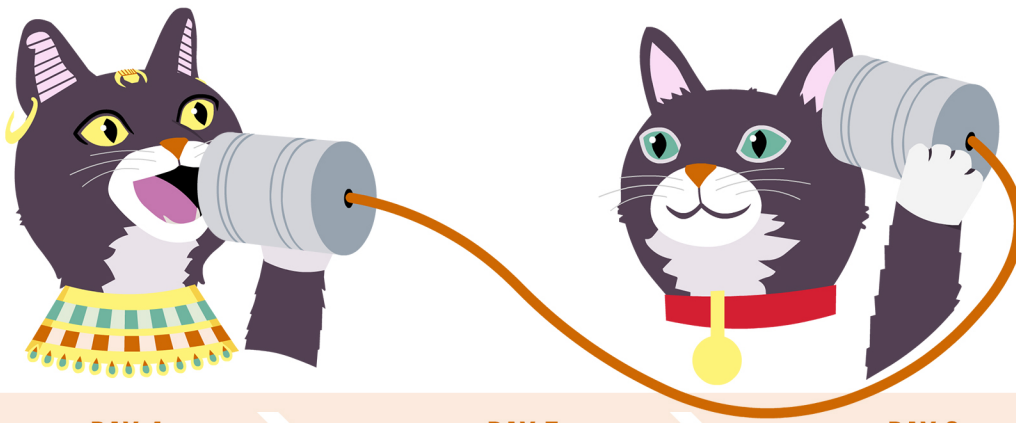
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TELEVISION

Moving pictures with sound.

Ask an adult about their favorite childhood TV show.

I've read today!



21 DAY CHALLENGE

DAY 4

DRUM BEATS

Rhythms send messages over long distances.

Drum on a 5-gallon plastic bucket.

I've read today!

DAY 5

SMOKE SIGNALS

Smoke sent into the sky to share simple messages far away.

Practiced by many cultures, including ancient Chinese, Native American, and African tribes.

I've read today!

DAY 6

CUNEIFORM

Writing system that used wedge-shaped marks on clay tablets to record information.

Create a message in Play-Doh or clay.

I've read today!

DAY 7

HIEROGLYPHS

Picture symbols used in ancient Egypt.

Write your name in hieroglyphs: www.penn.museum/cgi/hieroglyphsreal.php

I've read today!

DAY 11

NEWSPAPERS

Printed pages sharing news.

Draw a front page of a newspaper with headlines and pictures about your day.

I've read today!

DAY 10

PRINTED BOOKS

Machines printed books to make them widely available.

Stamp words on paper using alphabet stamps.

I've read today!

DAY 9

ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS

Handwritten books decorated with colorful pictures.

Decorate your stories with colorful drawings and gold glitter.

I've read today!

DAY 8

PAPYRUS

Writing on paper-like sheets made from the stems of the papyrus plant.

Write a message on a leaf.

I've read today!

DAY 19

EMAILS

Messages sent electronically via computers.

The first email was sent in 1971!



I've read today!

DAY 20

TEXT MESSAGES

Short written messages sent instantly on phones.

Write a kind note and hide it for someone to find.

I've read today!

DAY 21

EMOJIS

Small images or icons used to show feelings or ideas in messages.

Glue paper shapes onto a yellow plate to make unique emojis.

I've read today!



You Did It!

You've completed the Read Aloud Challenge and learned how people shared ideas throughout history.

