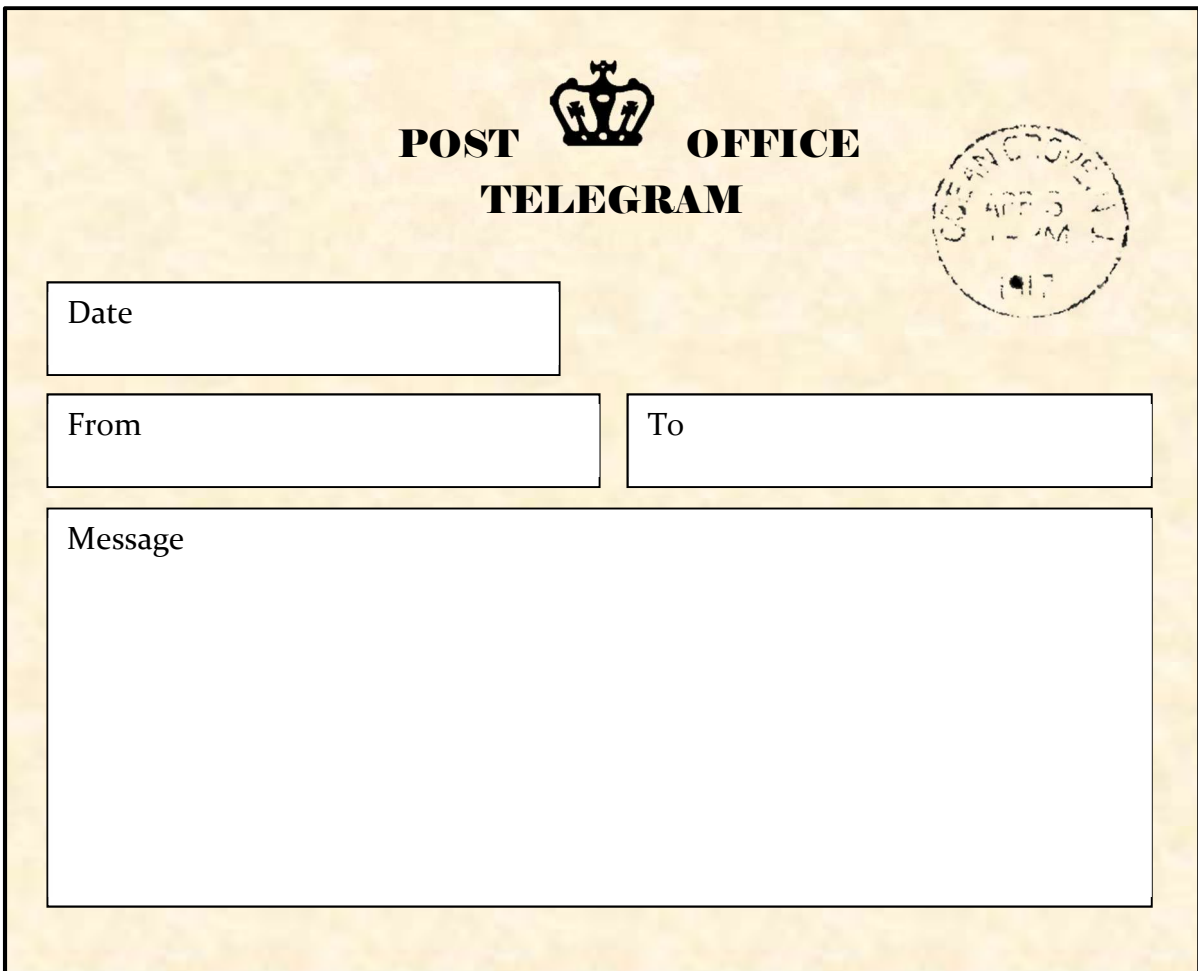



All about telegrams

Before telephones, a telegram was the best way of sending a message to someone far away. People started using telegrams from the year 1845. You can still send them today.



1. **Write your message.** Each word costs money, so keep it short!




POST  **OFFICE**
TELEGRAM

Date

From To

Message



2. Take it to the Post Office. **How much will it cost to send your telegram?**

Number of words (count them!) =

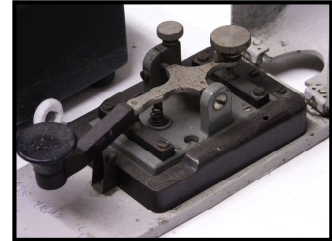
Every word = 1p

Cost =

3. The clerk will send your message to the teleprinter room.

Follow the tube to find out how to get there!

4. The operator will now use a **Morse code key** to turn your message into short and long signals, called **dots and dashes**.



Can you write your name using Morse code?

5. Now your dots and dashes will travel along a wire as electricity. A machine turns the signals back into letters so people can read it.

Try unscrambling this Morse Code message:

..... . .-.. .-.. --- / .- - - .- .-.. -..

6. Now it's time to deliver the telegram to the right person.

What method of transport could you use to do this?