

*Which is the better alternative? Delete the wrong one:*

Communications are ways in which we keep *in touch / in-love* with each other. We communicate over long distances using *letters / horses*, telephones, television, *radio / CD-players*, fax and e-mail.

A TV camera changes the *grammar / pictures* into *electrical / rubber* signals. These travel down a *tube / wire* to a transmitting aerial *on top / at the bottom* of a tall mast. The aerial sends the signals out *into the sea / in all directions* as radio waves. An aerial on your house *destroys / picks up* the signals and your television changes them back into *rubbish / pictures*.

When you speak into the *mantelpiece / mouthpiece* of a telephone, your words are turned into an electric signal. The signal *travels / melts* down a wire to the person you are *seeing / calling*.

Today *many people / only a few businessmen* have mobile phones. These use *microwaves / tsunamis* to send messages.

Satellites *high above / deep under* the Earth can pass on telephone, radio and television signals across the world.

E-mail is short for *express / electronic* mail. It is a way of sending letters between *lovers / computers*.

We use computers in our homes, schools, *swimming pools / businesses* and shops. You can use a *computer / bike* to write and draw, do sums, play games, send electronic mail and *forget / get* information from all over the world. We tell a computer what to do by *drumming / typing* on the keyboard or by *thrashing / clicking* the *rat / mouse*.

The *very first / latest model of* a television set was made by *John F. Kennedy / Logie Baird* in 1924. He used all sorts of *vegetables / things* to build it, including cardboards, knitting needles and a *sailing boat / biscuit tin*.

