

# The First Cellphone

## Review Key Words<sup>1</sup>

- rival** A rival is someone who is trying to get something that you are also trying to get.
- released** Released means made available or sold to the public for the first time.
- cellphone** A cellphone is a wireless telephone. Cellphones bounce sound off towers instead of sending it through telephone wires.
- wireless** Wireless means able to send and receive information without being attached to another device by wires.



## Write a Prediction

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## Read the Story<sup>2-4</sup>

7 Martin Cooper stood on a busy city  
14 street holding a strange object. He was  
21 about to do something that would **go**  
29 **down in history**: make one of the first  
33 calls on a **cellphone**.

33 It was 1973, and Martin worked for  
40 a telephone **company**. His company  
45 had finally made a **wireless** phone  
51 that could make a call from almost  
58 anywhere. Now Martin was ready to try  
65 it out. Who did Martin call? He called  
73 his **rival** at another telephone company!

79 It took more than ten years before  
86 cellphones were sold in stores.

91 **Released** in 1984, the DynaTAC  
96 8000X became known as the world's  
102 first cellphone. But you might not

108 **recognize** it. It would never have fit in  
116 your pocket. At nearly a foot long and  
124 almost two pounds, it was so **bulky** that  
132 people called it "the brick." And at just  
140 under \$4,000, it was too expensive for  
147 most people.

149 The cellphone soon **underwent**  
153 many changes. As Martin had  
158 predicted, it got smaller, lighter,  
163 cheaper, and much more widely used.  
169 After many years, it was able to do  
177 things Martin had never imagined.  
182 It took pictures. It connected to  
188 the **Internet**. It sent text messages.  
194 **Eventually**, the cellphone became an  
199 **essential** part of many people's **daily**  
205 lives.  
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## Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
  - a. The first cellphone weighed nearly two pounds.
  - b. The cellphone has changed in many ways since it was used to make a call years ago.
  - c. The cellphone is an important part of many people's lives.
  
2. What did Martin predict that cellphones would do?
  - a. take pictures
  - b. get smaller and lighter
  - c. connect to the Internet
  
3. What does the word **essential** mean in this story?
  - a. important or necessary
  - b. not connected by wires
  - c. less expensive
  
4. How was the DynaTAC 8000X like cellphones that came later?
  - a. It was light.
  - b. It fit in a pocket.
  - c. It was wireless.
  
5. Why might Martin have chosen to call his rival on the new phone?  
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6. Match each word with its definition.

1. eventually	a. ___ went through
2. recognize	b. ___ after a long time
3. underwent	c. ___ sold for the first time
4. released	d. ___ know something

Number Correct: \_\_\_\_\_

## Summarize the Story

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