

# The First Cellphone

## Review Key Words

**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.



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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 a  
41 telephone **company**. His company had  
46 finally made a **wireless** phone that could  
53 make a call from almost anywhere.  
59 Now Martin was ready to try it out.  
67 Who did Martin call? He called his  
74 **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 8000X  
97 became known as the world's first  
103 cellphone. But you might not **recognize**

109 it. It would never have fit in your  
117 pocket. At nearly a foot long and almost  
125 two pounds, it was so **bulky** that people  
133 called it "the brick." And at just under  
141 \$4,000, it was too expensive for most  
148 people.

149 The cellphone soon **underwent**  
153 many changes. As Martin had predicted,  
159 it got smaller, lighter, cheaper, and much  
166 more widely used. After many years, it  
173 was able to do things Martin had never  
181 imagined. It took pictures. It connected  
187 to 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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	day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

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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. expensive	b. ___ after a long time
3. underwent	c. ___ sold for the first time
4. released	d. ___ costing a lot

## Parent Tips

1. Have the student read the ENTIRE story to himself & answer the questions.
2. Time the student while he reads aloud for exactly 1 minute. Do not help fix mistakes.
3. If the student is stuck on a word for 2 seconds, say the word & count it as a mistake.
4. Record the number of words read and the number of errors. Subtract: words read – errors = total words read correctly.
5. Now, help fix mistakes.
6. You may wish to read the story out loud as a model for fluent reading.
7. Repeat the steps other days.