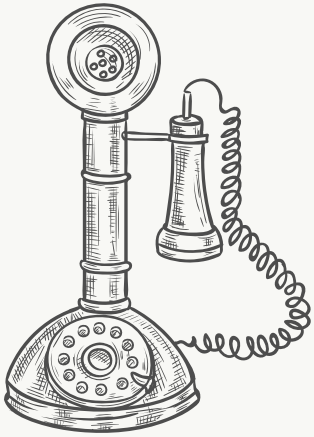# NATIONAL TELEPHONE DAY
FUN FACTS

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The first phones were simply a speaker and a mic. There were no buttons or dials
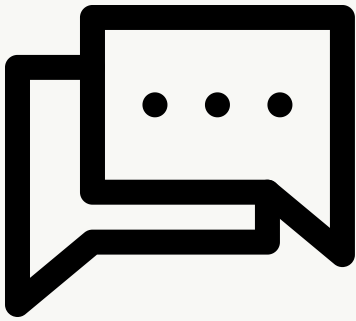
Calling someone meant having a human switchboard operator patch your call

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Prior to the phone, "hello" wasn't an official greeting

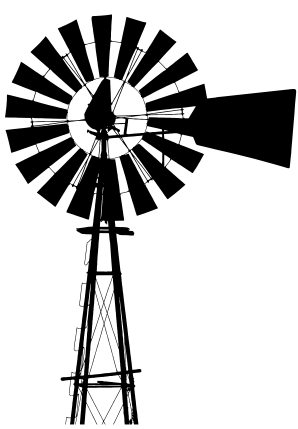The first phone greeting was "Ahoy"

hello

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The first SMS text message read "Merry Christmas"

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More people have mobile phones than toilets

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In rural America, nearly one-fourth of the population (14.5 million people) lack broadband coverage

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