



The arrival of SMS changed the way we communicate

In 1999, the short message service (SMS) appeared on mobile phones.

SMS: *Short Message Service*

It was an unexpected success. During the year of its creation, 873 million messages were sent.

It was written using the alphanumeric keypad of the mobile phone.

“HELLO”
44 666 555 2

Messages had a character limit, which led to the birth of a shorthand language.

HRU? CUL? OMG! XOXO <3 ;-)

But it was not just writing. The first emoticons were also created!

