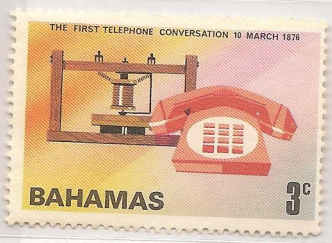
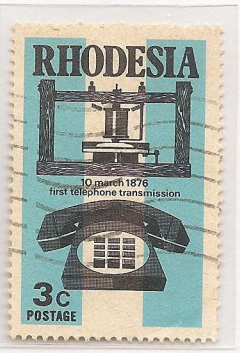
1960 "Touch-tone" signaling started replacing the rotary dial.





1973 The era of the handheld cellular mobile phone began.

1976 Centenary of the telephone.

1984 First commercial handheld cellular phone (Motorola DynaTAC) – big, clunky, weighing 30 grams.

1990 Throughout the nineties cellphone grew sleeker, smaller and lighter. Text messaging began in 1992. Reception was clearer.

2000 First commercial camera phone. Cell phones became multifunctional, hooking up to the internet, controlling functions remotely such as setting your home thermostat, checking the security system at home while you are at work, etc. The smaller the phone the more information it stores and the more functions it is capable of.