1. Compose a message on a computer terminal - at home, or in the office. Send it on local telephone lines via DEAFNET on the Telemail network.

2. The Telemail computer receives the message and sends it on.

3. The message is sent via the nationwide telephone network - by means of cable and microwave.

4. The addressee receives your message via local telephone lines in less than one minute!
WHAT'S AVAILABLE ON DEAFNET?

ELECTRONIC MAIL

WRITE A MESSAGE OR A LETTER
Type it on your terminal keyboard, making any necessary corrections as you go along. Send your message with carbon copies instantly. No envelopes, no postage, no wait.

RECEIVE A MESSAGE
Sit down at the terminal. Push a button and read your mail. You may respond immediately or later on when you are free.

BULLETIN BOARDS OF INFORMATION

Medical Tips
The Deaf Messenger
Jokes
Want Ad Services
Consumer & Legal Information
Interpreted Cultural Events Listing
Social Events
Educational Opportunities
Captioned Movie Listings
Movie Reviews

You may look through these bulletin boards of information the same as you would look through your daily newspaper -- picking and choosing whatever you wish to read.

These services are available as of 6/1/81
WHO WILL I TALK TO? WHO WILL TALK TO ME?

BOARD MEMBERS
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
CLUB OR OTHER GROUP OFFICERS
ADVISORY BOARDS
ALUMNI GROUPS
FRIENDS

WHAT'S IT FOR?

PLANNING MEETINGS
PLANNING WORKSHOPS, CONVENTIONS, SOCIALS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS
SHARING INFORMATION, NEWS TIPS

HOW CAN DEAFNET HELP THE BUSINESS PERSON?

ALLOWS YOU TO:
FINISH MEETING OR WORK WITHOUT INTERRUPTION
RECEIVE AND SEND MESSAGES AT YOUR CONVENIENCE
COMMUNICATE WITH STAFF MEMBERS QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY, E.G., ONE MEMO MAY BE SENT TO MANY RECIPIENTS
ELIMINATES MANY LONG DISTANCE CALLS; DECREASES TRAVEL TIME AND EXPENSES; LOWERS POSTAGE EXPENSES

HOW CAN DEAFNET HELP THE INDIVIDUAL?

ALLOWS YOU TO:
FINISH WORK WITHOUT INTERRUPTION
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HOW DOES DEAFNET RATE?: A COMPARISON BETWEEN DEAFNET, TDD AND THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

DEAFNET

1. SEND MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY
2. RECEIVE WITHIN FIVE MINUTES
   YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE HOME TO RECEIVE THE CALL. TAKE THE CALL WHEN YOU ARE FREE.
3. RECEPTION: FAST, EFFICIENT
4. COMPOSING TIME: FAST
5. LIVE, PERSONAL CONVERSATION: DIFFICULT
6. ONE MESSAGE CAN BE SENT TO MANY WITH ONLY ONE TYPING

TDD

1. SEND MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY
2. RECEIVE IMMEDIATELY
   YOU HAVE TO BE AT HOME. IF NOT, YOU MISS THE CALL.
3. RECEPTION: FAST, IF YOU ARE AT HOME
4. COMPOSING TIME: FAST TO SLOW, DEPENDING UPON TYPING SKILLS
5. LIVE, PERSONAL CONVERSATION: GOOD
6. ONLY ONE MESSAGE CAN BE SENT

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

1. SEND MESSAGE AFTER MAILING AT POST OFFICE OR MAIL BOX
2. RECEIVE 1-3 DAYS LATER (IF NOT LOST IN THE MAIL)
3. RECEPTION: SLOW
4. COMPOSING TIME: FAST TO SLOW
5. LIVE, PERSONAL CONVERSATION: NOT AVAILABLE
6. ONE MESSAGE CAN BE SENT TO MANY WITH CARBON COPIES, EXTRA ENVELOPES, STAMPS AND PAPER

MESSAGE: "DUE TO THE ILLNESS OF THE TREASURER OF OUR ORGANIZATION, THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 14, IS CANCELLED. IT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY, JUNE 21. MARY BROWN, SECRETARY."

THIS MESSAGE WILL BE SENT TO 10 BOARD MEMBERS IN THE GREATER BOSTON AREA... 8 CALLS WILL REQUIRE TOLL CHARGES.

COST OF MESSAGE:

DEAFNET: $0.05
TDD: $2.88
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE: $1.30

(THE TDD AND THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FEES DO NOT REFLECT SECRETARIAL TIME.)
NATIONAL DEAFNET TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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THESE ARE THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS YOU CAN CALL NEAR YOUR CITY TO CONNECT TO DEAFNET. THEY ARE THE GTE TELEMAIL COMPUTER TELEPHONE NUMBERS.
A STEP FORWARD FOR DEAFNET

During 1981 Deafnet, a computer-based, electronic mail system sponsored by DCC progressed another step from the experimental stage towards the final goal of becoming a self sustaining service managed by and for the deaf population.

By operating a small computer terminal a deaf person is able to receive, read and store messages; to compose and send messages to individuals or groups; and has access to bulletin boards with current and topical information.

The project began in 1978 funded by a grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. From this small beginning with local deaf subscribers, Deafnet in 1981 is exploring the nationwide potential for Deafnet by using General Telephone and Electronic’s (GTE) Telemail electronic mail system which has local telephone access in 250 cities. We are pleased to announce that GTE has decided to continue the project by granting funding for another year. Deafnet will be administered by Deaf Communications Institute (DCI), a non-profit corporation.

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What do you need to get on DEAFNET? You must have phone service; an ASCII terminal with coupler; and a subscription to a DEAFNET mailbox.

You may wish to purchase your own equipment; however, it is possible to rent or lease equipment.

For more information about electronic mail, subscriptions, monthly costs, and equipment, call:

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