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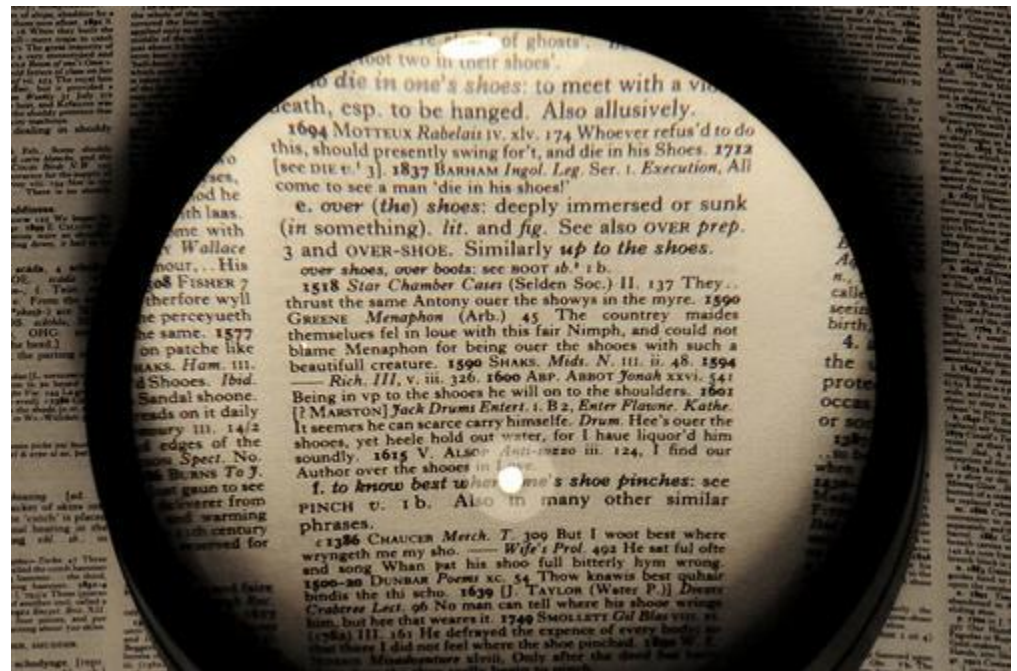
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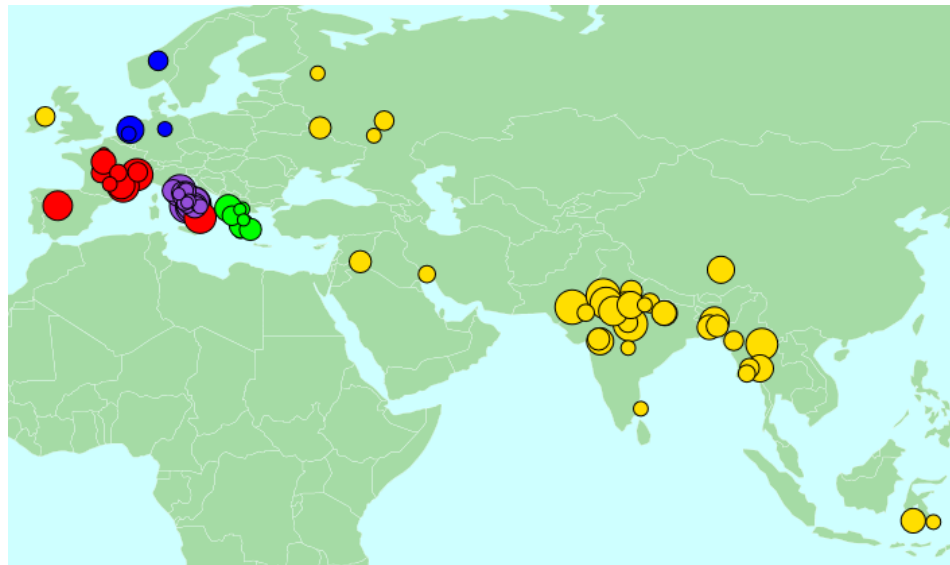


# Computerization – the basics

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Ladden, rare obs. pa. pple. of LADE *v.*  
**Ladder** (læ dər), *sb.* Forms: 1 hlæder, hlæder, 2-4 lēddre, 4 *Kent.* lheddre, 3-5 (6 *Sc.*) lēdder, 4-5 lēddir(e, lēddyr, 3-4 laddre, 4 laddir, 6- ladar, 6-7 lather, 4- ladder. [OE. hlæd(d)er str. fem., corresp. to OFris. hleder, hladder-, MDu. ledere (Du. leer, also ladder from Fris.), OHG. leitara (MHG., mod.G. leiter):-OTeut. \*hlaidrjā, f. Teut. root \*hli-: hlai- (whence LEAN *v.*):-Aryan \*hli-: cf. Gr. κλίμαξ ladder.]  
1. An appliance made of wood, metal, or rope, usually portable, consisting of a series of bars ('rungs') or steps fixed between two supports, by means of which one may ascend to or descend from a height.  
971 *Blükl. Hom.* 200 Þær was ȝewuna þæm folce .. þæt hie æfter hlæddrum up to ðæm glæsenum fæte astigon.  
c1000 *ÆLFRIC Gen.* xxviii. 12 Þa ȝeseah he on swefne standan ane hlædre fram eorðan to heofenan. c1100 *Geoffa in Anglia* (1886) IX. 263 Hlædre, horscamb and scera. c1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 1602 He..saȝ..fro ðe erðe up til heuene bem, A lēddre stonden. 1297 *R. Glouc. (Rolls)* 3103 Hii..cables vette ynowe & laddren & leuours. c1340 *Cursor M.* 3779 [Pant] In slepe a ladder him þoȝt he seyȝhe fra þe firmament riȝt to his eyȝhe. 1375 *BARBOUR Bruce* x. 619 Thai set thair lēdder to the wall. c1400 *Destr. Troy* 4758 Þai wonyn on the wallis lightly with ladders. 1560 *J. DAUS tr. Steidane's Chron. our Time* 157 The Emperour goynge forth as farre as the ladder of the shippe to mete him, receaveth him in. 1587 *FLEMING Contu. Holmshed* III. 356 [A lather of fourteene staves would but reach to the top. 1621 *G. SANDYS Ovid's Met.* xiv. (1626) 208 [He] oft a lather tooke To gather fruit. 1726-7 *SWIFT Gulliver* I. 1. 25 That several ladders should be applied to my sides, on which..the inhabitants mounted. 1840 *DICKENS Old C. Shop* xi. Kit mounted half way up a short ladder.

# Words arriving in English (animated sequence)



The year 1800: where do all the words come from?

# Using a *historical* thesaurus of English online



The receiver of a telephone; = RECEIVER *n.* 6c. *rare.*

**switch hook** 1922

the hook or support in a telephone set which operates the circuit switch when the receiver is placed upon or removed from it.

**phone bell** 1924

**hybrid coil** 1925

a type of transformer used in two-wire telephone circuits when amplification in both directions is required, having four pairs of...

**hybrid transformer** 1941

= *hybrid coil n.*

**scriber** 1968

(See quot. 1968.)

**cradle** -

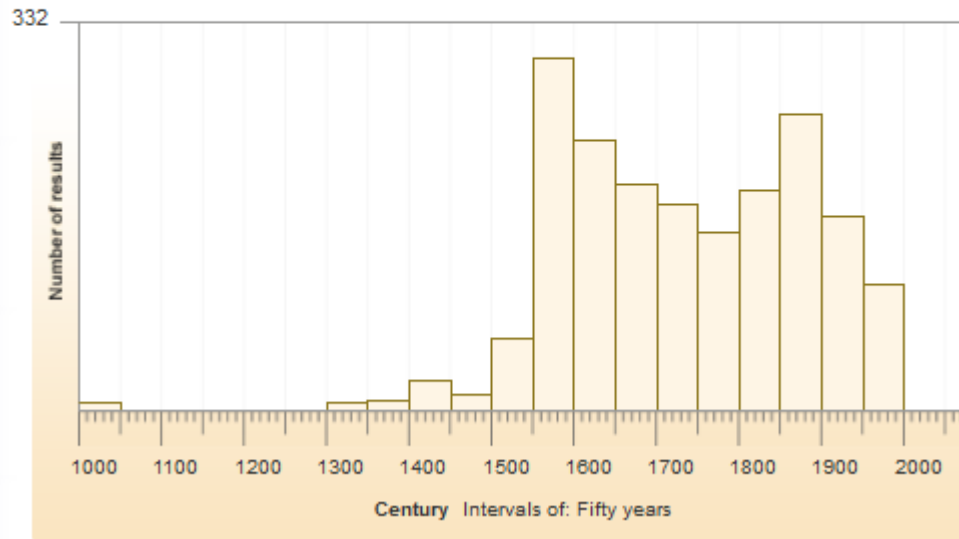
the 'rest' or support for a telephone receiver not in use.

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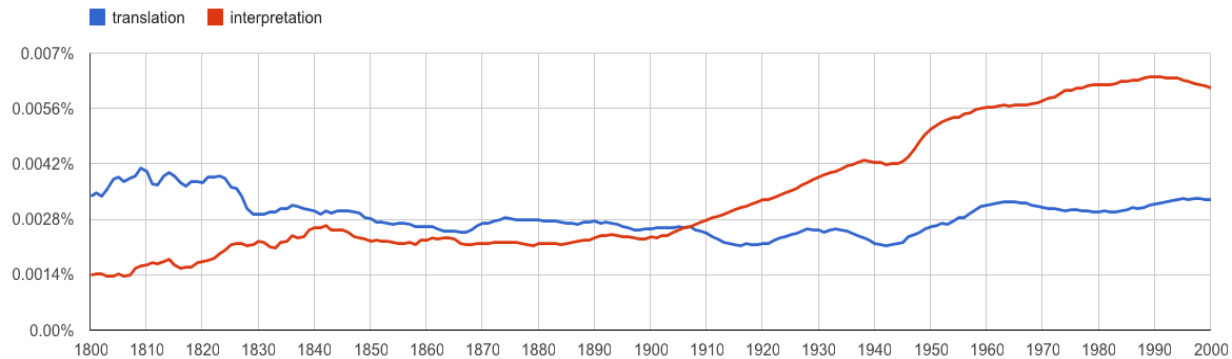


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## Full record for viewphone n.

<b>Definition</b>	a telephone that allows caller and receiver to see one another = <a href="#">videophone</a>
<b>OED requirements</b>	antedating 1932
<b>Earliest cite</b>	Raymond Z. Gallun, <i>Revolt of the Star Men</i>
<b>Comment</b>	In the OED, with earliest cite of 1964: this cite was actually to a reprint in a 1966 Frederik Pohl collection, "Alternating Currents". Fred Galvin verified the cite in the original story, "The Children of Night", from <i>Galaxy</i> , October 1964. Fred Galvin submitted a cite from a 1959 reprint of Robert A. Heinlein's "Waldo" and Mike Christie verified it in its 1942 first publication. Fred Galvin submitted a 1932 cite from Raymond Z. Gallun's "The Revolt of the Star Men"
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<b>1932</b> R.Z. GALLUN <i>Revolt of Star Men</i> in <i>Wonder Stories</i> <i>Quarterly</i> Winter 228/1	When Shelby reached his apartment, he immediately donned his laboratory smock and set to work. But he had scarcely finished mounting a tiny coil of wire within the hand-grip of his weapon, when the view-phone bell rang insistently. The inventor pulled off his smock and threw it over the materials on his work bench, so that the person at the other end of the view-phone connection, whoever it was, would not be able to see them. Then he snapped the television and audio switches. The mists in the view-plate cleared, and there before him, as real as though he were actually in the room, sat Hekalu Selba. The Martian's eyes gleamed with suppressed excitement.
<b>1942</b> <i>Astounding Sci. Fiction</i> Aug. 31/1	He cut in another viewphone circuit. 'Get me Chief Engineer Stevens at North American Power-Air,' he said sharply.

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- [Andean Negrito](#), *Lessonia oreas*
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