1. Communication Tools

Thanks to technology, there are many ways we can communicate with other people – quickly, easily and across long distances.  
In the past, people used letters or face-to-face meetings. Today, we use telephones, emails, and video conferences.

# Telephoning

* One of the most common communication tools.
* **Fast** and useful for **urgent problems** or quick decisions.
* Used in both **personal and business life**.
* You can **hear the person’s voice**, which makes it more personal.
* Can be used from almost **anywhere** (with mobile phones).

**Advantages:**

* Real-time communication
* Easy to use
* No internet needed

**Disadvantages:**

* No visual contact (no body language or facial expressions)
* Sometimes expensive (especially international calls)
* People can interrupt each other more easily

# Emailing

* One of the most popular written tools.
* Used for **formal and informal messages**.
* You can **send files, documents**, or links with it.
* It is **fast, cheap, and can be saved** for future reference.

**Advantages:**

* Can be read anytime
* You have everything in writing
* You can send it to many people at once
* Good for sending official or business documents

**Disadvantages:**

* Can be ignored or forgotten
* No emotion – the message can be misunderstood
* Slow in urgent situations

# Videoconferencing

* A modern way of communication using the **internet and video**.
* Programs: **Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet**.
* Very useful for **international meetings or remote work**.
* Became very popular during the **Covid-19 pandemic**.
* Combines video, voice and screen sharing.

**Advantages:**

* You can see and hear the other person
* Saves travel time and costs
* Good for group meetings

**Disadvantages:**

* Needs a good internet connection
* Technical problems may occur
* Not suitable for all types of communication

# Conclusion

Each of these communication tools has its own advantages and disadvantages.  
In modern business, we usually combine them – for example, use emails for reports, phone calls for quick updates, and video meetings for team cooperation.  
Personally, I think videoconferencing is the most effective tool today because you can see and hear people and work together even if you're far away.

# Useful Vocabulary

| **CZ** | **EN** |
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| komunikační nástroj | communication tool |
| telefonování | telephoning |
| videokonference | videoconference |
| rychlý / rychlost | fast / speed |
| soubor / dokument | file / document |
| výhoda | advantage |
| nevýhoda | disadvantage |
| doručit / odeslat | to deliver / to send |
| hlas | voice |
| řešení problému | problem solving |
| spojení | connection |
| porucha / technické problémy | failure / technical issues |
| sdílet obrazovku | to share screen |
| osobní / formální | personal / formal |
| pracovní schůzka | business meeting |
| připojit se | to join |
| vzdálená práce | remote work |
| pracovní prostředí | work environment |
| být k dispozici | to be available |