

## PURPOSE OF ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL'S INVENTION

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### **Why did Alexander Graham Bell invent the telephone?**

For many years, it was understood that he thought the telephone would help the deaf to hear better. And now this most recent spin - he wanted it to function as a hearing aid to help his deaf wife to hear.

The more Deaf Digest thinks about it - a deaf person may be able to use the telephone without a hearing aid, if it has an extremely loud amplifier.

But such amplifier did not exist in 1876, the year he invented the telephone. And what's more - even if the amplifier did exist in 1876, it was not portable (like today's cell phones). The wife would have to stand by the telephone in order to hear!

There must be more to the telephone invention than the myths we may have been reading about over the years.