

Current communication patterns

We would like to learn about methods in which you communicate with your distant family.

Please take a few minutes to think about how you communicate with distant family, where in the home you communicate from and whom you communicate with.

Do you have any questions?

(If necessary) A few examples:

Use cordless phone to call mother while making dinner in the kitchen.

Use Skype to call parents every Sunday from living room.

Use laptop to IM sister while doing homework in the bedroom.

(Wait a few minutes)

We would now like you to give us a tour of your home and show us the mediums you use such as telephones, cell phones, computers etc. to communicate with distant family. We would also like you to describe how, when and with whom you use these mediums of communication.

We would like your permission to take pictures as we walk around your home.

If these do not come up during the tour, ask the following questions:

Do you use a computer to communicate with distant family?

How do you use a computer to communicate with distant family? (e.g. video conferencing, email, and instant messenger)

Do you use text messaging to communicate with distant family?

Do you write letters and/or send cards to distant family?