

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell and Eliza Symonds Bell, January 21, 1877, with transcript

Letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his Parents. 5 Exeter Place, Boston, January 21st, 1877. Dear Papa and Mama:

The power possessed by my new Telephones is marvelous beyond belief . This morning Mr. Watson and I conversed between Boston and Salem without any battery and the sounds were not only intelligible mdash; but were faintly audible all over the telegraph office. The marvelous part of it is that the resistance of our coils was only four ohms mdash; whereas the resistance of the line was over 600 ohms. Last night two Japanese gentlemen conversed in Japanese through the telephone with success.

My foot is getting better mdash; though I cannot walk much yet.

With much love, Alec.