**Comparing Communication Systems Activity**

**Directions:** Fill out the table below while thinking about these characteristics of communication systems.

* + Speed of communication
    - Is it fast communication or slow communication?
  + Distance/range of communication
    - Can it only communicate over short distances or over long distances?
  + Number of people reached
    - Can the communicated information reach one/few people at a time or many?
  + Audio vs visual vs both
    - Can you only see the communicated info, only hear it, or both?
  + One-way or two-way communication
    - Can information only be communicated in one direction or both directions?
  + Any other benefits or drawbacks?

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| **Communication Systems** | | |
| **System** | **Benefits** | **Drawbacks** |
| Radio |  |  |
| TV |  |  |
| Print |  |  |
| Internet |  |  |

**Conclusion Questions:**

1. Which communication system(s) could you use if WiFi was out? Why?
2. Which communication system(s) would you use if you needed to exchange messages between two people quickly? Why?
3. Which communication system would you choose if you were blind? Why?
4. If the power went out, which communication systems could you use? Explain.
5. The internet is a great communication system for a lot of reasons, but it can also cause problems. Explain why this is the case.