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As used in the passage, what does "**communicate**" mean?
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  - B. travel
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5. What is the central idea of this passage?

- A. the Internet can be accessed from anywhere in the world
- B. how to fix the digital divide
- C. the Internet is used by many people around the world
- D. how the idea of the Internet was created

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8. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

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The global digital divide is the difference in Internet use between the richest nations and the poorest nations.

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Takahashi most likely means that the Internet has shrunk the world because there are no barriers to making friends, playing games, and learning about different cultures around the world without having to get on a plane. The Internet shrinks the world by bringing people closer together and allowing them to share different cultural interests like Japanese animation.

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