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Subject: On the tip of my tongue...

Posted by [Madison](#) on Sat, 05 Aug 2017 05:12:38 GMT

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What is the apparatus you could use to talk to others several years ago. It might have been around for decades, but I can't remember. I'm not describing it well because I can't remember the specifics. I think both people needed to have "it" in order to communicate. I don't think "it" cost money to use. Not like cell phones or buying phone cards for the pay phone. The apparatus came before the old school car phones. You know, the ones that were attached to the car on the inside and had an antennae outside. It's on the tip of the tongue...

Professor Google has been no help, of course. The apparatus isn't a cell phone, a podcast, or a computer.

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Subject: Re: On the tip of my tongue...

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 05 Aug 2017 15:32:39 GMT

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(Citizen's Band) CB Radio.

You could buy base stations, under-dash mobile units for your car or hand-held "walkie-talkies."

The FCC first assigned 23 channels in the 27MHz (11 meter) band but later increased it to 40 channels. Most models could use any of those channels, but some models could only use a few and required individual quartz crystals in small two-pin cans to provide tuning for each channel. Five channel models were available, for example. Walkie-talkies sometimes only worked on one channel, usually channel 14. Truckers usually used channel 19.

CB radios are still available today.

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Subject: Re: On the tip of my tongue...

Posted by [Madison](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2017 05:48:23 GMT

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I believe you're right Wayne and thanks for the help. I think it could be a fun hobby for the older folks in my family who are more housebound. I never used one myself, but saw them around and heard others chatting. I'm off to find one. Thanks again!

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