

Changing face of the mobile keyboard

Since the first mobile phone “text” message was sent in late 1992, growth has been phenomenal, with nearly 900 billion messages sent worldwide in 2005. Now a redesign of the standard 12-button keypad will make texting even easier, tempting us to send plenty more



1 Traditional 10-number keypad, as on **Nokia 5110**, contains three or four letters per key

2 **BlackBerry 7100** series uses two letters per key. Predictive SureType typing system speeds up word input

3 **Nokia E70** combines traditional layout with fold-out QWERTY keyboard

4 **LG 6190**
First phone to use **Fastap** keyboard, with single letter on each of 26 buttons positioned in alphabetical order between number keys on keypad