



Cell phones

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PRE-INTERMEDIATE

American English

1 Reading

Complete the text with the vocabulary below:

dictionary
pre-paidapps
chargebrowser
alarm clockpost
subscriptionlocation
refill cardscase
tap

My cell phone

I can't live without my new smartphone.

I use it every day to make calls, send text messages to my friends, and listen to my voicemail. But it can do much more. For example, I can check my email when I am not at my computer, and I can check the time. In the morning, I use it as an _____¹ to wake me up. It's also very useful when I'm on vacation -- I use it to take photos. Later, I can email them to my friends or _____² them on Facebook.

I can install a lot of other _____³. If I want to check the weather for next week, I just _____⁴ the screen with my finger. If I want to translate a word into another language, I can use a special _____⁵ app. If I am lost, I can use a GPS app to check my _____⁶. If I want to browse the internet, I can use my phone's _____⁷. And if I am bored, I can play games.

I have a monthly _____⁸ plan, which includes 2 hours of free calls every month. With my last cell phone, I used a _____⁹ service, which means that I had to pay before using the phone. I had to buy _____¹⁰ in order to add credit to my phone.

There are some problems with my phone. Firstly, it can break very easily, so I use a special _____¹¹ to cover it. Also, the battery life is very short, so I need to _____¹² it every night.

Match the verbs on the left with the nouns on the right.

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. send | a. calls |
| 2. make | b. photos |
| 3. take | c. text messages |
| 4. listen to | d. the battery |
| 5. charge | e. the time |
| 6. check | f. your voicemail |



2 Talking point

Work in pairs. Ask your partner questions, for example 'Do you use your cell phone to send text messages?' Put a ✓ or X in each cell. Then answer your partner's questions. Compare your scores.

| Function | Your partner | You |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----|
| send text messages | | |
| post photos on Facebook | | |
| listen to your voicemail | | |
| check emails | | |
| watch videos | | |
| check the weather | | |
| listen to music | | |
| play games | | |
| learn languages | | |
| browse the internet | | |

Your partner: _____ / 10

You: _____ / 10

3 Cell phone problems

Study the problems below and match them to the possible reasons/causes.

1. "My battery is dead."
 2. "There's no signal here."
 3. "My phone works, but I can't make any calls."
 4. "Nothing works!"
 5. "I don't receive new text messages."
 6. "The phone is locked!"
- a. You are out of credit.
 - b. You are underground.
 - c. You entered the wrong PIN code three times.
 - d. You forgot to charge your phone.
 - e. Your inbox is full.
 - f. Your phone is broken.

Work in pairs. Student A, read a problem from the list. Student B, tell Student A the reason for the problem. Reverse roles and repeat the exercise. Try to read from memory.



4 Talking point

Discuss any of the questions:

1. Do you think people use cell phones too much?
2. Which payment plan do you use -- pre-paid or subscription? Which is better?



1 Reading

1. alarm clock
2. post
3. apps
4. tap
5. dictionary
6. location
7. browser
8. subscription
9. pre-paid
10. refill cards
11. case
12. charge

Cell phone phrases:

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. f 5. d 6. e

3 Cell phone problems

1. d 2. b 3. a 4. f 5. e 6. c

