

Daily Life - Mobile Phone Plan (C0106)

B: Yeah, I've just moved here, and I'd like to activate my cell phone, and I'm not sure if I should go with a prepaid plan, or a monthly rate plan.

A: I see. Well, can I have a look at your phone? Unfortunately, this phone can't be used in the US; it's not compatible with our 3G network.

B: What? Really? I don't really want to have to buy a new phone.

A: Well, you're in luck! You see, if you sign up for our three-year plan, we'll throw in a handset for free.

B: Really? What's the catch?

A: There's no catch! You just choose a plan, sign a three-year contract and, that's it! Actually, we're running a special promotion right now, and we're giving away a Blackberry Curve with our special Mega Value forty dollar plan.

B: So what does this plan include?

A: Well, you get nine hundred anytime minutes, and you can also enjoy free mobile to mobile calling to other Tel-Mobile clients, one thousand text messages per month, and unlimited evening and weekend minutes. Oh, and we also offer a rollover option.

B: Wow, all this for forty dollars per month?

A: That's right, plus the activation fee, the emergency services fee, the monthly service fee, oh, and any charges for extra minutes, and...

Key Vocabulary

in luck	<i>verb</i>	you are lucky right now; we have what you need
compatible with	<i>phrase</i>	able to work well to- gether
monthly rate plan	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a program that needs you to pay every month
activate	<i>verb</i>	cause something to start working
prepaid rate plan	<i>Adjective</i>	a prgram where you pay for cell phone time in advance
throw in	<i>verb</i>	give something extra for free
what is the catch	<i>phrase</i>	what is the hidden drawback
any time min- utes	<i>phrase</i>	cell phone time you can use at any time
text message	<i>common noun, plu- ral</i>	short messages sent by mobile phone

unlimited	<i>Adjective</i>	with out limit; as much as you want
evening and weekend minutes	<i>phrase</i>	cell phone minutes you can use on evenings and wee
rollover	<i>Adjective</i>	allow unused minutes to be used the next month
handset	<i>common noun, singular</i>	mobile phone
fee	<i>common noun, singular</i>	the amount of money you need to pay
charge	<i>common noun, plural</i>	the amount of money you need to pay

Supplementary Vocabulary

device	<i>common noun, singular</i>	an object or machine made for a specific purpose
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data package	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a part of a cell phone package that lets you go on the internet
text	<i>verb</i>	write and send a text message
landline	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a phone that attaches to the network by a wire
SIM card	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a computer chip you put in your cell phone