

You & your mobile

Discussion & reading

- 1 Answer these questions.
 - a How much do you use your phone? A lot, quite a lot or not much?
 - b Is your phone small / sophisticated / simple / beautiful / neat / sexy / slim / easy to use / expensive?
 - c What extras does it have, e.g. calculator, personal agenda, etc.?
 - d Do you use it for work, pleasure or both?
- 2 Ask your partner the questions in 1.
- 3 True or false? Discuss.
 - a Men like larger mobile phones and women like smaller ones.
 - b Young people mostly use their phones to send text messages.
 - c For executives a mobile is more than just a phone.
 - d People who use pre-paid cards mainly use their phones to make calls, not to receive them.
- 4 Read the article below. Does the writer agree with you?

Mobile phones are part of our daily lives. We all use them – housewives, executives, teenagers and old age pensioners. According to the ITU – the International Telecommunication Union – at the end of 2002 there were 1,390 million users.

Of course, different people use their mobiles for different things, and there is a model for every taste. For example, women normally choose larger phones while men prefer smaller models. For

young people, the priority is to send SMS text messages. They like mobile phones with covers they can change. As well as communication, they want entertainment. They want to play games and download ring-tones and icons.

On the other hand, executives and salespeople see their mobile as a work tool. They need to connect to their company computers. Typically they choose a medium-sized model with a large screen to read information. They

demand features like a personal organiser, calculator, alarm clock, note pad, recorded reminders and connection to a PC.

There are other people who don't often use their phones to make calls, but want others to be able to contact them. Size is not important and they don't need to connect to the Internet. They want something cheap and simple to use, and usually prefer pre-paid cards.

Nouns & verbs

- 5 Complete the following table with words from the text in 4.

Noun	Verb
_____	communicate
_____	entertain
connection	connect
preference	_____
choice	_____
use	_____
_____	inform

- 6 Complete these sentences with words from the table in 5.
 - a I use my mobile to _____ with my clients.
 - b Most of the time, I _____ the train when I visit clients.
 - c At home I have a broadband _____ to the Internet.
 - d I do a lot of business on the phone, but I _____ to meet people face to face.
 - e I work because I don't have any other _____.
 - f I get most of my _____ about the world from newspapers.
- 7 Are the sentences in 6 true for you?

- 4 Complete the following text using the verbs in the box in the correct form. The first letter of each verb is given.

wait turn speak drive use ask stop set

Sarah Savvy is a smart mobile user. She doesn't d_____ with a phone in her hand: she u_____ a 'hands-free' phone in her car. She s_____ the car when a conversation is important.

In public, she s_____ quietly (the phone has a sensitive microphone). She s_____ the ring-tone at 'low'. She w_____ for a suitable moment and place before making private calls and t_____ her phone off in meetings. She doesn't talk about confidential matters in public: she a_____ people to call her back.

Speaking

- 5 Work with a partner. Practise asking and answering questions like this:

- A **Does** Sarah **drive** with a phone in her hand?
B No, she **doesn't**. She **has** a 'hands-free' phone in her car.
a drive / phone / her hand – *has* / 'hands-free' phone / car
b speak loudly – *speak quietly*
c use loud and annoying ring-tones – *set ring-tone* / low
d make private calls / public – *wait* / suitable moment / place
e leave / phone on all the time – *turn* / phone off / meetings
f talk / confidential matters / public – *ask* / people / call back