# **BBC LEARNING ENGLISH**

# Words in the News Grass phone



# **Transcript**

Do you want your mobile phone to stand out from the crowd?

Well, here's a **device** that looks cool and is truly green – that's because some of it is made out of grass.

Its case and internal components are made entirely from recycled, organic materials.

It's hoped in the future this **sustainable** phone can be mass-produced – helping to reduce the number of mobiles that don't get recycled.

# **Vocabulary**

#### to stand out from the crowd

to be different from everything else

#### device

piece of equipment used for a certain purpose

# internal components

parts inside a piece of equipment that make it work

#### organic

coming from living things, not from chemicals

### sustainable

not harming the environment, therefore able to continue for a long time

Watch the video online: Grass phone <a href="http://bbc.in/l]fp4Xp">http://bbc.in/l]fp4Xp</a>

# Exercise

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports. Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

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1.	The piano is now back to professional recording standard, with all of its
2.	Dubai now has just over five years to build what it calls "a monument to the green economy, a landmark in development", when it hosts Expo 2020.
3.	Visiting a big technology show such as Berlin's IFA is an exhausting experience.  Actually, despite the mayhem, it is worth coming because there are always a few products which and give a hint of where technology is heading.
4.	The culinary difference between bushmeat and farmed animals in Sierra Leone is like the difference in Europe between expensive, sirloin steak and tasteless frozen battery chicken.
5.	Children are also now multi-screening - using more than one at the same time, for example, watching TV while surfing the internet on a tablet or mobile so some of the screen time will be concurrent.

#### **Answers**

1. The piano is now back to professional recording standard, with all of its **internal components** - including soundboard, keys, hammers, pins and strings - restored.

**Source:** Motown piano returns to Detroit <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-22006546">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-22006546</a>

2. Dubai now has just over five years to build what it calls "a monument to the green economy, a landmark in **sustainable** development", when it hosts Expo 2020.

**Source:** Is Dubai's construction boom sustainable? http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-32041150

3. Visiting a big technology show such as Berlin's IFA is an exhausting experience. Actually, despite the mayhem, it is worth coming because there are always a few products which **stand out from the crowd** and give a hint of where technology is heading.

**Source:** Standing out from the IFA crowd http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-23984739

4. The culinary difference between bushmeat and farmed animals in Sierra Leone is like the difference in Europe between expensive, **organic** sirloin steak and tasteless frozen battery chicken.

**Source:** The hunters breaking an Ebola ban on bushmeat <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-31985826">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-31985826</a>

5. Children are also now multi-screening - using more than one **device** at the same time, for example, watching TV while surfing the internet on a tablet or mobile so some of the screen time will be concurrent.

**Source:** Children spend six hours or more a day on screens <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-32067158">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-32067158</a>