

## Mobile phones.

### Worksheet A

Think about how you use your mobile phone. Add two more uses to the table. Then rank each use from 1 (the most frequent) to 7 (the least frequent).

Use	Ranking 1 (most frequent) – 7 (least frequent)
1. Making calls to friends / family	
2. Looking up information on the internet	
3. Using social media websites / apps	
4. Taking photos	
5. Checking e-mail	
6.	
7.	

When you have completed your table, compare your answers with a partner. Ask for more information.

**Worksheet B – Dialogue cards**

“Hello”

“Hi Sophie, it’s Justin”

“How are you?”

“Fine thanks. Listen, I haven’t got long because I’ve got a maths class in a minute. I just wanted to see if you’re still coming tonight.”

“I’m not sure. I think my mum wants me to stay in tonight. I’ve got a Physics exam this week and I didn’t get a good mark in the last one”

“When is the exam?”

“Not until Wednesday”

“Well, what about if you come early and then my dad could give you a lift home at about ten. Most people are coming around seven anyway, and it would be cool if you came.”

“OK, well, let me speak to my mum and I’ll message you later”

“OK, cool.”

“Chat later,”

“Yeah, bye.”

**Worksheet C Role-Play situation cards**

You need to cancel a trip to the cinema because your grandmother is coming for dinner.

Arrange with a good friend to go shopping on Saturday at the shopping centre.

You phone your best friend on the morning of his / her birthday – you want to know what his / her plans are for the day.

Phone your parents to ask them if you can stay late after school for an extra drama class.

Tell your friend that you're going to be late meeting them because of a train strike.

Phone your friend to find out where they are. You've been waiting for them in a café for 20 minutes.

**Worksheet D**

What do you think the following abbreviations mean in these text messages?

- a. CU L8R
- b. OMG UR so funny!
- c. LOL
- d. THX 4 that
- e. Cya 2nite

- Do you use any similar abbreviations in your language?

Now write a message for each of the situations in the role-play. Then swap your message with a partner and write a reply.

**Worksheet E – Discussion questions**

Have messaging apps changed the way you communicate with your friends?

Do you think your communication with friends and family would improve or get worse if you didn't have a mobile phone? Why?

People say that teenagers use their mobiles more than adults. Why do you think this is?

Some people think that writing online is making young people's spelling and grammar worse. Do you agree? Why / not?

Are there any situations when you turn off your mobile phone? Why (not?)

Why do you think so many people these days are addicted to their phones? Are you addicted to your mobile? What advice would you give to someone who is addicted to their phone?

What are the advantages of sending a message over making a phone call? Are there any disadvantages?

Do you think mobile phones in the future will be smaller or bigger? Why?

Is it always a good idea to take a photo to remember an event or a place? Why (not)?