

MOBILE PHONES**Activities****Before listening**

If there's one thing I can't stand, it's people shouting into their mobile phones on the train. It's always the same, some bloke in a suit telling his wife or girlfriend that he's 'on the train' for the whole carriage to hear. Or what's worse, someone having a long and complicated conversation about some business deal or some social event at maximum volume so all the passengers have to listen to all the boring details of his life. At present, there is one or maybe two quiet carriages on trains where mobiles are not allowed. Huh! It ought to be the other way round – there should be just one or two carriages where you can use mobiles. And all those shouters could go in there together and deafen each other – and not us!

After listening

Answer the questions.

1. What doesn't the speaker like?
2. Who does she say normally causes the problem?
3. Where does she think the problem occurs the most?
4. What does she suggest as the solution?

Extension

Write an email to the train company complaining about this issue and suggest solutions.

Create a poster that could be shown in the carriage to prevent this issue.

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