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Do you have good cell phone manners?



Cellphones are wonderful! You can talk to your friends while you're watching TV, or when you're sitting in an Internet cafe. People can contact you with important news all the time.

But be careful! Sometimes cell phones cause problems for the people around you. Here are ten suggestions to help you in order to have good cell phone manners.

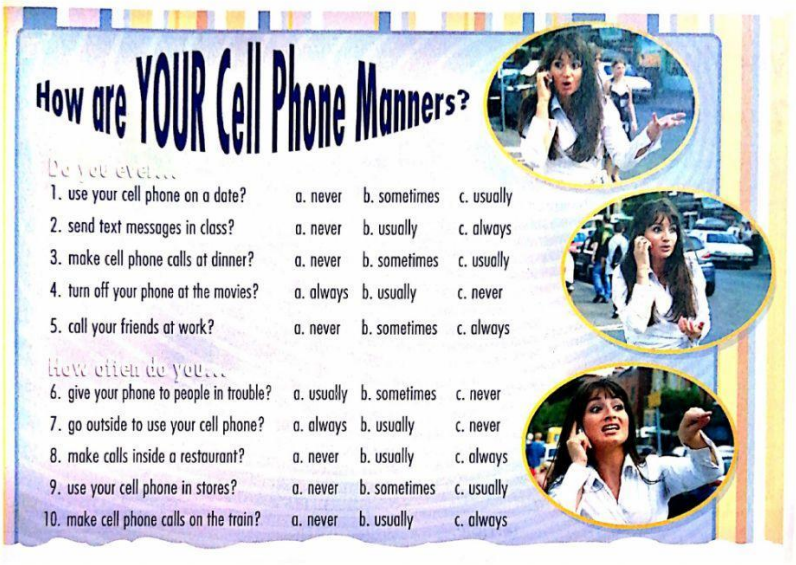
1. **Always** speak quietly on the phone. Other people are not interested in your conversations.
2. **Always** set your ring tone at a low level.
3. **Always** move away from other people when you are making a call.
4. **Always** turn off your phone at the movies, in a theater, or in class. If you can't turn it off, switch it to vibrate.
5. **Always** stop what you are doing when you make a call. Don't talk to someone else, check your e-mail, or surf the Internet while you're on your cellphone.
6. **Never** use a phone on a crowded bus or train.
   Never make a call while you're driving.
7. **Never** talk on the phone when you are buying something in a store or checking in at the airport. It isn't polite.
8. **Never** use your phone on an airplane or in a hospital. It can cause problems with their technology.
9. **Never** choose a really bad pop song as your ring tone!

B. Read the article. Are these things good or bad ideas? Mark them *G* (good idea) or *B* (bad idea)

1. making a call when you're driving a car ☐
2. switching off your phone in a theater. ☐
3. checking your e-mail and talking to a friend on the phone ☐
4. using your cell phone on an airplane ☐
5. talking on the phone when you're buying something ☐
6. using a bad pop song as a ring tone. ☐

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B.Do you have good cell phone manners?
How do you use your cell phone? Take the quiz below. Be honest!



How are YOUR Cell Phone Manners?

Do you ever...

1. use your cell phone on a date?	a. never	b. sometimes	c. usually
2. send text messages in class?	a. never	b. usually	c. always
3. make cell phone calls at dinner?	a. never	b. sometimes	c. usually
4. turn off your phone at the movies?	a. always	b. usually	c. never
5. call your friends at work?	a. never	b. sometimes	c. always

How often do you...

6. give your phone to people in trouble?	a. usually	b. sometimes	c. never
7. go outside to use your cell phone?	a. always	b. usually	c. never
8. make calls inside a restaurant?	a. never	b. usually	c. always
9. use your cell phone in stores?	a. never	b. sometimes	c. usually
10. make cell phone calls on the train?	a. never	b. usually	c. always

Mostly a answers
Congratulations! You're a **polite** cell phone user. Why aren't more people like you?

Mostly b answers
You're a **so-so** cell phone user. You're sometimes polite, but sometimes rude. Try a little harder!

Mostly c answers
Wow! You are a **rude** cell phone user! Why do you use your cell phone everywhere?

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