

Quantities

i. Choose the correct alternative to complete the text.

What does your ringtone say about you?

Almost everyone now has a mobile phone and _____ of us have our own ringtone.

Is it only so that we can distinguish our own phone from others or is it because _____ time our phone rings we want to be able to say, 'Listen to that. That's me!?' Maybe _____ reasons are true. Here is a quick guide to _____ typical ringtones and what they say about their users.

- If your ringtone is _____ a hip hop tune or a current hit, then you are young at heart but not particularly original.
- _____ classic rock tune means you're probably over thirty but you know you're still cool.
- _____ people think annoying animal noises are as funny as the phones' owners obviously do. So _____ points for maturity there.
- You download a new one every month? You must be a teenager or you have _____ time and money.
- You never change it? Either you're too lazy or you don't know how. _____ is an acceptable reason!

ii. The following statements contain errors. Rewrite the sentences so they're correct. There's only one error in each sentence.

Use contractions, capital letters and punctuation marks.

1. I watch very little sports programmes.
2. Every programmes have a commercial break every ten minutes.
3. The weekend schedules usually include few talent shows, at least three or four.

4. I like each programmes about hospitals or emergencies.
5. I once spent quite few days watching a box set of the series 24.
6. I think a large number of TV has been dumbed down.
7. We have plenty detective shows; we don't need more.
8. I think little news is OK but not 24-hour news non-stop.

iii. Choose which statement a–b best describes each the sentence.

- 1) There were a large number of people at the shopping centre today.
 - a) The station was crowded.
 - b) The station was empty.
- 2) There were hardly any people at the station.
 - a) The station was crowded.
 - b) The station was empty.
- 3) I haven't got much time for lunch today.
 - a) Let's go out for a three-course lunch.
 - b) Let's get a sandwich to eat in the office.
- 4) I haven't got many clients to see today.
 - a) Let's go out for a three-course lunch.
 - b) Let's get a sandwich to eat in the office.
- 4) She said she's having very few problems.
 - a) She hasn't been having a very easy time recently.
 - b) She's been having a very enjoyable time recently.
- 5) She said she's having a few problems.
 - a) She hasn't been having a very easy time recently.
 - b) She's been having a very enjoyable time recently.

6) He knew hardly any English.

- a) He couldn't really understand what I said.
- b) He could understand some of what I said.

7) He knew a small amount of English.

- a) He couldn't really understand what I said.
- b) He could understand some of what I said.